



VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER Task Force Meeting Minutes - May 12, 2022

Present: ALH, ARC, BRK (BC Owings virtual), GLN (BC Gano and Capt. Hoonanian), MPK, MTB, SGB, PAS (DC James, BC Hansen, Capt. Sorenson), SPS, BC Ambrose, Oscar Barrera, Gordon Arnold, Jason Garret.

Absent: HBA, MRV, SMD, SNM, Dr. Loza

Meeting Conducted via MS Teams and in Person (BRK: Hatch, Onzen, White, VFCC: Gor Galstyan, Jason Pfau), no votes taken, recording available.

VFCC updates:

- CAD/Operations:
 - Verizon connectivity issue continues although we are currently getting improved yet less than ideal speeds. VZW has stated there is new infrastructure which will increase capacity due out at the end of May. Proof of Concept on T-Mobile (as an alternate to VZW) is in place for the MDTs. Stats show 7 times faster than Verizon. Potentially T-Mobile will become primary and Verizon secondary.
 - MCTs will require to be fully updated to be operational, especially as we move out from MPN.
 - We are working on a generic MDT login to avoid using personnel as this prevents users from logging on another apparatus.
- Staffing: Screening almost 100 applications for open FCO Positions. Center Manager position is now open. A request for raters for the interviews will be forthcoming.
- Finance/Data: Budget was updated last week; rate for contractual cities was increased 4%. A new dashboard page was implemented with the representation of a matrix style format showing how many incidents were responded to by each agency.
- GIS: Presented some layers for upcoming TC Maps. Will be installed on MDTs as well.

Workgroups: (request for volunteers, contact any workgroup member)

- i. Communications Plan – Weddle: The proposal was presented to the group which included question and answers. A brief training PowerPoint is available from Chief Weddle or Chief Ambrose. Gordon Arnold expressed his concern that one of the frequencies in the plan was restricted to a certain geographic area. This will be examined further and the group would like to know options to be able to achieve our goal.
- ii. Mayday/RIC – Brown: State Working Group document has been drafted. The information will be provided to Task Force. Chief Brown setting up Work Group meeting, please contact if interested.
- iii. Emerging Technologies: Ambrose attended a Scout 3.0 launch meeting. The new platform is basically Intterra. The deployment will be over the next few months and is fully supported by the OES Director and CAL FIRE Chief. The maps, IAP's and SA available will be a very good complement to Tablet Command. Ambrose will be on the test group and deployment is planned over the next few months.
Tablet Command API is in progress with Peraton, the deployment will be done with the next major CAD version going live. TC reports they have been working with Peraton engineers and early tests were successful. The API will be released with a version of Command Point which will need to be tested prior to deployment.



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Old Business:

- Standards of Command -will send the Master Copy with the minutes. Chief Rueda (unable to attend TF) reported that he will be working with BC Ambrose to schedule training as part of the quarterly BC Training.
- Arson - Sorenson: a change was requested to be done in the document. The updated document will go out with the minutes.
- Area C Command Worksheet – Hatch: Would like to revisit. Ambrose to send the documents created and suggested presentation at Area C BC training. The group discussed the importance of being on the same page at an incident.

New Business:

- Tiered Dispatch: Sell and Ambrose will be touring CONFIRE to examine their method of tiered dispatch as well as PA/RN referrals.
- Hi Rise Response – CAD: Changes are being made in CAD to specific addresses to target those particular response locations. VFCC (Garrett) had questions on the features for Peraton and was awaiting their response. PAS has been working with VFCC to identify their hi-rise occupancies in CAD. Once this is perfected we will roll out to other cities.
- Long Tone from Radio – The question was posed by PAS and was covered by Weddle. A warble tone can be programmed to be initiated from the BC command vehicle. This option will be discussed further with the Mayday group.
- June Task Force meeting moved to Tuesday June 9 at 10AM

Significant Event Review:

FRONT IC: BC Owings gave an AAR presentation on an MCI T/C on the 5 Freeway.

Roundtable:

BRK: Open lateral FF recruitment, class of 18 from last week off probation. Working on transition to ESO from Firehouse.

SPS: Staffing remains a challenge for SPS, as a result unable to sign up for STEN. AU81 staffing will be spotty at times as well. Multiple IOD's being the cause.

SNM: Back to almost complete staffing. Able to sign up for STEN again.

MPK: Promotional Ceremony on May 21

ALH: In the middle of Eng. exams and looking for FFPM hiring.

SGB: New Pierce engines order for 2024 delivery. Rehired one who returned from another agency.

ARC: 3 FF, 2 Eng openings, another Eng exam will be out soon. An engine is expected at the end of the year.

PAS: Recruit Academy is targeted for mid-June, Eng. Exam for November. Will have 5 upcoming music festivals at the Rose Bowl.

GLN: Eng. Exam was held last week, 15 recruits will start academy in July.

MTB: Some staffing issues.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 9, 2022, at 10AM