



# VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

## Task Force Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2023

Agency	Present	Primary	Secondary
Alhambra - ALH	x	BC Joe Lawrence	
Arcadia - ARC	x	DC Richard Oishi	
Burbank - BRK	x	DC Hatch Mark (In person)	
Bob Hope Airport - HBA	x	AC Lou Pianka	
Glendale - GLN	x	BC Brian Richey	
Monrovia - MRV	x	Div. Brian Patrick	
Montebello - MTB	x	BC Craig Barker	BC Freddie Jimenez
Monterey Park - MPK	x	BC Ryan Weddle	
Pasadena - PAS	x	DC Tim Sell (in person)	
San Gabriel - SGB	x	FC Steve Wallace	
San Marino - SNM			
Sierra Madre - SMD	x	FFPM Larry Chu	
South Pasadena	x	Div. Eric Zanteson	Eng. Tony Corrao
Verdugo Fire Comm.	x	BC Phil Ambrose (in person) Jason Pfau (in person) Kadia Miranda (in person)	
Other		Jake Pelk (Tablet Command)	

**Absent: SNM (SPS reporting), Dr Loza,**

### VFCC updates:

- FCO recruitment closed, expect requests for raters in a few months or less once the written tests are complete. FCSS test, to establish a list, is pending final approval. CM test conducted (thank you for the assistance) and a list is being certified. Our new FCO hourly is doing well in training.
- Tablet Command is ready for implementation. Chief Jake Pelk will give an overview and we will need to agree on train-the-trainer dates for first or last week of May, weekends can be included to cover all three shift BC's. An implementation link for TC Mobile (phone version) is forthcoming. Tablet Command supplied recommended iPad specifications (included with minutes).
- CAD/GIS – Firewall failure last month caused brief outage, redundant systems are being established. Any planned tech maintenance which may impact operations will be communicated in the morning report. MTB new housing development and several City ADU's were added to CAD. Expect new MDT maps with improved address and LAFD hydrants to be deployed in a few weeks after testing.
- Verdugo personnel are attending Area PSAP quarterly meeting today with area PSAP's and OES.
- MDT connectivity – If an MDT is offline (apparatus out of service) the unit may miss critical updates. There have been several security updates recently. **When putting a rig back in service after being 'off the grid' please contact Allied and ensure MDT is brought up to date.**
- If you are purchasing a new MDT, be sure that you purchase a touch display and larger hard drive to ensure functionality with the maps.
- BC Ambrose is participating on the OES CAD to CAD committee which will be meeting in VNC in May.



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#### New Business:

- Tablet Command Onboarding Presentation – Chief Jake Pelk. Review of both iPad application (initially deployed for BC's) and TC Mobile phone version (for all personnel). The back end onboarding is almost complete and a link will be sent to each agency for distribution to their members who will be on the platform. TC is available either the first or last week of May for onboarding to cover all three shift BC's, this can include weekends. Please let BC Ambrose know of your preferred week upon receipt of the minutes. Ideal class size will be 10-15 persons max per day. The TC system, once fully deployed, will not be a two way interface (as an MDT) but we are looking to add this functionality. The barrier is the connection with CAD and both Verdugo and SAC (Sacramento Regional Dispatch) are looking to add this feature in the future.

#### Old Business:

- FIRIS Communication/SCOUT – BC Ambrose sent out links to sign up for new FIRIS platform and SCOUT. Area Coordinators will be getting the link shortly. What's App will be replaced with SLACK.
- Westnet end point- GLN and MRV are looking at new WestNet screen option for station alerting. GLN FC given proposal for approval. MRV will update if this is still on their roadmap as VFCC will need to upgrade Westnet server product to enable this service.
- Redinet on Ipads – most agencies have implemented this feature to give field personnel access to reddinet from their iPad. If you have questions, ask your administrator or Jason Pfau.
- Freeway ATOMS are still in review. Contact FCSS Garrett if you have any questions on your freeway responses. Note that freeway responses do not use AVRR but instead use static recommendations.
- Alarm/CODE2/Tiered Response – Chief Sell tabled until next meeting for COMM plan discussion.
- **COMM PLAN** – The communication plan was discussed at length and has been reviewed by several Area C Training Chiefs. The alternative version, which would await the ICI changes and AVD, was revised to move to implementation of the primary plan to lessen the impact on training personnel. BC Weddle and BC Ambrose will be revising the documents and timeline in to an executive summary and sending to the OPS and Training BC's.

#### Significant Event Review:

None

#### Roundtable:

**BRK:** Academy started with 21 and 19 remain. Apparatus team headed to WI to spec out three new engines. Implementing First Due. (According to Jason Pfau we are still awaiting a quote for First Due integration with Peraton CAD for both BRK and PAS. Based on past experiences, this may be a long process for the API.)

**ARC:** DC Oishi is new rotating Deputy Chief, Chief Cerwin is back on B-shift. Two probies just hit the floor and three are in backgrounds. ARC looking at keeping continuous application process.

**HBA:** No report.

**MTB:** New Assistant Chief starting and will have new BC and Training BC. In process of ordering two new engines and one ladder truck. Will likely hire 10-12 firefighters.

**ALH:** Recruit academy starting May 3<sup>rd</sup> and BC exam expected for July. This may be an open exam.



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**MPK:** Inspection scheduled for May, upcoming BC and Captains tests, new BN6 vehicle in service. Fire Service day May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**SPS/SNM:** Chief Rueda remains acting City Manager at least until July. SNM has a few vacancies impacting ops and requires using acting positions. New BC Command Vehicle in the works.

**SMD:** Facing retention issues due to laterals so focusing on recruitment and retention.

**PAS:** New E33 in the City and being up fitted. Applications closed for firefighter recruit, Captains exam just completed. 8 of 9 Paramedic interns (civilians) remain in school, in clinical portion.

**GLN:** BC Exam scheduled. RT130 scheduled for May.

**MRV:** Received new Motorola Next radios and hope to have them programmed and deployed by July. Hiring 3 and have 3-4 in backgrounds.

**VFCC:** Verdugo would like to thank everyone for their generosity during Dispatcher Appreciation Week.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

#### **Tablet Command Recommended Minimum Specs.**

iPad Pro 11 or 12.5"

- WiFi Cellular
- 128gb base storage is more than adequate for Tablet Command
- Cellular service does not need to be enabled if an AVL Modem will be used, but **you must purchase a cellular capable device!**