



VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Task Force Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2023

Agency	Present	Primary	Secondary
Alhambra - ALH	x	BC Mike Brown (In Person)	
Arcadia - ARC	x	BC Oishi	
Burbank - BRK	x	DC Hatch Mark	
Bob Hope Airport - HBA		AC Lou Pianka	
Glendale - GLN	x	BC Brian Julian (In Person)	BC Jeff Brooks (In Person)
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	DC Anthony James
San Gabriel - SGB	x	FC Steve Wallace (In Person)	
San Marino - SNM		FC Mario Rueda	
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) Gor Galstyan (in person)	
Other			

Absent: HBA, SNM (SPS reporting), Dr. Loza,

VFCC Updates:

- FCO Test last Tuesday and out of 100 applicants 35 took the written test: Results to be announced soon. Ambrose will reach out for assistance. Will do similar for FCSS. An hourly employee left last week due to personal reasons.
- CM list has been finalized and Ambrose will reach out to the 3 candidates next week.
- MDTs are updated to a new version of Mobility. Agencies contact Allied to ensure all the updates are installed for apparatus which have been OOS for over two weeks.
- Project to move CAD servers to virtual environment on track, moving forward with GLN IT.
- Some GIS issues with routing were investigated: on a few occasions the address point needed to be adjusted as the GIS data had the point closer to an incorrect street. The GIS data is routinely updated for anomalies.
- BRK experienced an issue with routing to a block of Grismer. After investigation there was a traffic feature forcing a route which was inconsistent. The issue was resolved.
- GIS points were fixed on Columbus and Whiting Woods in GLN.
- FCSS Miranda sent Premise Info in Excel to Battalion Chiefs, please update and send back.
- TC launched, almost 400 people signed up so far. Each agency to have its own TC admin to add agency specific users, the google form can be used for phone version sign up. Users to have agency email addresses and Agency Admin to be careful what licenses are assigned to user iPad/phone.
- A list of active signups to be sent out with minutes to compare, as well as a few short videos on how to set it up.
- Peraton has been reached out to for two-way connection for TC.



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- Another enhancement is being looked at in terms of being able to listen to the incident audio in real time.
- A TC training group on how to manage the incidents on TC will be curated by BRK.
- VFCC got two iPad pros on TC that will be casted on the big screen for better situational awareness. The iPads will also be set up with our back up CAD system.
- All the preplans are easy to be uploaded to the GIS, just need to send it to Oscar or Ambrose.
- DC Sell – presented the alarm fire response in PAS for ERF. Monitoring of frequent places and better resource utilization. A non-response model is being recommended for monitored commercial facilities. VFCC will continue to ask if the alarm is residential or commercial. The goal is to reduce unnecessary responses.
- Reddinet is available on iPads and phones.

New Business:

- Tri-City Fire Chiefs tasked VFCC to work on Continuity of Ops concept and “how-to’s” and checklists to be implemented for internal disaster scenarios.
- There are 3 bids for a Strategic Plan assessment for VFCC currently being reviewed.
- AC from LACO reached out to FC Rueda and SGB on sharing experience on how to handle CUPA and related programs. LACO Hazmat resource was determined to be used during the last incident in SGB. An earlier call will help to better coordinate. TC also can be used to see where the HHMs are.

Significant Event Review:

Valley IC-SGB 3:28 on Sunday a dispatch was made on a mix used 5 story building under construction, all wood construction was on fire. A fully involved fire was upgraded to Alarm 4. Many collapses on all the sides. The Incident was managed with TC. Members who were at the event gave their input as well as FC Wallace shared drone video taken from the scene.

Roundtable:

SGB: A few open recruitments are ongoing, 4 finishing their FF task books, budget was approved for the purchase of a few new apparatus.

ALH: Erik Serafian retiring, few openings and hires. Looking to run another academy.

GLN: Two captains and engineers to be promoted, will have some openings. FCTC test was hosted last weekend, another one might be held in July, and two academies sometime next year.

PAS: 6th RA was approved temporarily on a voluntary basis to be converted later to full time. A few openings and hiring upcoming. Promoted 3 captains. Engineer test coming next week. Looking for raters. Academy in October. Rose Bowl and Parade letters will go out soon for help.

BRK: Two retirees will create openings. Budget will be adopted tomorrow. Graduating 15 recruits.

MRV: Sending one FF to PM school in September, looking to remodel one of the stations.

SPS: New FFs starting by the end of the month.

SNM: Shared Command Staff is still in place and will be looking to purchase a new vehicle. A new CM is coming from Westlake Village.

MPK: Captain test tomorrow, engineer test next week, looking for raters. BC test at the end of the month.

ARC: Admin Training captain temporarily approved for full time, will be hiring 5 people to start mid-July.

SMD: Two vacancies.

MTB: AC position was hired as well as an Analyst. Inspector 1 and 2 testing to be finalized. A hospital in MTB might file for bankruptcy.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: July 11, 2023