

# WASHINGTON STATE FIRE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

July 1, 2008

10 am

## Conference Call

Toppenish Station #9: 9 Buena Way Toppenish also posted as State Route 22, off of I-82 mile post 50 turn south toward Toppenish.

### Attendance:

Dave LaFave (SW)

Steve North (CEN)

Tom McDowell (SW)

Joe Shramek (DNR)

Randy Johnson (MC)

Dan Johnson (WSP)

Bruce Holloway (NE)

Dan Smith (SPS)

Ron Wilson (EMD)

Grant Baynes (SE)

Paul Perz (WSP)

Minutes: May minutes approved. Grant Baynes made the motion, Dan Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Agenda

1. Complete an Inventory of Wildland Resources for each region
  - a. Inventory of All Hazard Resources from Each Region  
Each region to report out on status of all hazard resource identification. Dave L.  
\*\* Discussion 20 minutes

Decision: We will wait until the All-Hazard Survey comes out and then will put it back on the agenda.

2. Succession Plan for replacement of SFDC members  
Nothing pressing at this time. Possible task to committee member to further develop. Dave L. 10 minutes

Decision: Grant spoke about the workgroup that Bruce, Allen and Grant had worked on. This will be placed on a future agenda with a presentation by the workgroup.

3. Gap analysis of State Mobilization Plan against IAFC Intra-state Mutual Aid Agreement.  
Quick update from Dan Johnson and Dave L.  
10 minutes

Decision: There are some sections of this we don't have and others that we need to add language for the next update on the 2009 Mobe Plan. Dave will set up a call with the IAFC.

4. IMT's and credentialing  
**Quick overview of availability of type 3 IMT's for this fire season.**  
**Tom McDowell 15 minutes**

FEMA guidelines, then complete paperwork and send to FEMA and Dan. The SW team is filled out to 20 people and is interagency. Were involved in an exercise last weekend; it went well. The SW Region is full and ready to respond.

Using Type 3 Teams for mobe, we'll ordering a full team and letting the region Bring

Question: What are the wildland qualifications for fire? Are we sticking to this or making the changes?

Answer: Type 3 Organizations, focusing only on the Operations Section being qualified for wildland.

Decision: Will be reviewing this further.

5. WSP aviation: 15 min. presentation on aviation resources.  
**Overview of capability and availability Paul 10 minutes**

Use of aircraft and aircraft with FLIR is available. The FLIR can send back a video image to a handheld unit for viewing on the ground.

Question: What is the cost of the airplane?

Answer: \$312 an hour, plus a standby and per diem if applicable.

6. Mobe plan: Section 10 changes: drug and alcohol free workplace policy as required by FEMA.  
**Discussion and action to adopt change. WSP Staff 20 minutes**

Addition of Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace language being added to the WSP waiver for volunteers. This is being recommended to be added to Section 10 of the Mobe Plan.

Issue: Do we need to add a Harassment only issue?

Issue: Do we need to train people in the policies?

7. Update on meeting at EMD regarding EMAC process/payments  
**Report on direction and decisions Bill W. 15 minutes**

EMD committed to using the state move process to use when deploying resources under the EMAC process. They don't want to have the same problems happen again.

EMD has staffed up a number of personnel in order to process the remaining claims for payment.

Progress is being made.

8. Report on Baird Springs Fire  
**Update on current situation status WSP Staff 15 minutes**

Fire started on 6-15-08 outside of Quincy, was 3,161 acres. Three Strike Teams and two helicopters were deployed and a Type 3 IMT (Holloway – IC). Had some operational issues but they were worked out.

9. MOU with Military, DNR and SFMO regarding deployment of National Guard  
**Discussion WSP Staff 10 minutes**

Every year have an agreement with Military Department for use of National Guard resources. This year a change has been made in the number of personnel they will have available from 500 to 100.

DNR provides training for Helicopters and to provide resource bosses if troops are deployed. Military doesn't have qualified personnel.

10. Staff assignments on mobes.  
**Discussion WSP Staff 10 minutes**

Redundancy to Dan's position  
Allow vacations  
Sue and Esther were at Baird Springs and Seep Lakes.

Best use of resources.

Question: How to get Dan on the ground  
Answer: We have cars available in some cities. Have a WSP officer pick him up. We're still working on logistical issues.

From Randy keep in mind that front end is the time when people are most needed as a logistical resource.

Dan Smith agrees when a Type 2 or Type 1 Team arrive, a lot of teams are not familiar with mobe. Knowledge is needed.

**Good of the order:**

Mobe resources – during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – lesser chance getting from eastside; the resources will come from the Westside. This should be used in consideration when making a mobe request.

Tom McDowell will send out a list used by EMD Duty Officer for paging.

Next Meeting: Suggested a conference call sometime in late July or August. July 15. 2008 at 10 am for a check in. Not an agenda, just a check to see where we're at with fire season.