

WASHINGTON STATE FIRE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

FIRE DEFENSE COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes February 21, 2012

The Washington State Fire Defense Committee was held on February 21, 2012 at Clark County Public Safety Building, Vancouver, WA.

Attendees:

Central Region	Steve North, Tedd Hendershot
Lower Columbia Region	Allen Walker
Mid Columbia Region	Phil Mosher
Northeast Region	Randy Johnson, Bill Walkup
Northwest Region	Dan Smith, Mike Voss
Olympic Region	
South Puget Sound Region	
Southeast Region	Bob Gear
Southwest Region	Dave LaFave, Tom McDowell, Dennis Mason
WSP Fire Protection Bureau	Chuck Duffy, Esther Hernandez, Bill Slosson, Barbie Maier
DNR	Gerry Day
EMD	
WSEMA	Merle Frank

Chair Dave LaFave called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Previous discussion on FLIR; data process is the issue but there is potential for use of the aircraft.

No quorum at 11/15/11 meeting, meeting notes approved.

AGENDA ITEMS:

2012 Election results

- FDC Chair - Dave LaFave
- Vice-Chair - Dan Smith

Fire Mobe Funding (HB2625/HB6363)

- Washington State Patrol Official position: WSP cannot support bill due to current budget climate and potential to expand cost beyond \$8M allotment.
 - The agency does not have general fund budget to backfill any over expenditure of the mobe account.

- FEMA reimbursements go to the state General Funds, not WSP or contingency pool.
- DNR position is neutral
- Discussion re: budget notes, possible non-compliance with statewide mutual aid plan status, continual educational process on Plan and all-hazard.
 - Westside agencies may choose to no longer participate if they cannot expect the plan to work for them. Effects are wide-ranging, including EMD due to
 - Randy will provide notes from previous work on this issue.

USAR

- No discussion

Regional Plans Due

- Northeast, Northwest & Olympic
- Any changes due April for May approval

IMS Update:

- Mobe plan qualified as statewide mutual aid plan; EMAC process would provide funds
 - Region 9 & 10 working on model agreement; likely Washington/Oregon
 - IFC now has contract obligations and financial restraints on those that don't comply, i.e., FEMA grant eligibility
 - If Plan no longer qualifies as statewide mutual aid plan due to funding issue, will this effect Washington?
- Ohio developed a web-based resource tracking system. Dan Smith will preview on 3/12

Training

- Need increased communication to boost enrollment and course offerings

RED NET

- Discussion re: statewide VHF and mutual aid channel requested by State Chiefs
 - Mike Voss will work with State Chiefs on request to WSP on notification/use of any channels that are released after transition

Ordering Process

- Area coordinators would like mobe to include them in discussion re: imminent mobe requests for regional type 3 team
 - It is the responsibility of the regional coordinator to forward information to the area coordinators

Mobe Approval Process

- Bill Walkup expressed concerns regarding the NE region type 3 team being dispatched to mobe fires that should not have been approved due to not meeting trigger points

- Specific fire name(s) and detailed concerns need to be articulated and presented to the FDC for further discussion/review.

T3 Teams

- Possible formation of Mid-Columbia team will require changes to the dispatch map; per Plan, team will need to submit roster by May to be included
- Discussion re: amendments to the dispatch map
 - Not all teams were dispatched during 2011 season; WSP & FDC will handle on case-by-case basis

REPORTS

Fire Protection Bureau

- Introduce DSFM Barbara Maier

WSEMA

- N/A

DNR

- HB2440: Gives DNR authority to enter an agreement and/or MOU with other state agencies, i.e., DFW for protection responsibility (primarily) in the Southeast Region
- Resources: Five helos on deck, sixth available in the summerspring; similar resource capability base to 2011
- Outlook: 2012 will look much like 2011, projected to pass from neutral to el nino in June; normal start to a mild season
- Federal reimbursement: USFS will no longer handle billing for state to state response; this may preclude DNR exchanges with non-NW Compact States may need to have agreements with individual agencies

GEO-BOARD

- Team Review scheduled 4/17-4/18 in Yakima
- Bobbiey Scopa is the new liaison for the Operations WT
- Evaluate changes to the Operating Guide re: out-of-state dispatch decision making process

PNWCG

- Dave LaFave is the primary Washington fire service representative & Dennis Mason is the alternate
- Oregon Geo-Board oversees four federal teams but not the Oregon OSFM teams
- Steering Committee is reviewing strategic objectives and plan

Adjourned 12:05pm