

# **2013 Mob Plan Review Committee**

**Office of State Fire Marshal**

**4760 Portland Road NE**

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**21 September 2012**

**1130 - 1300**

## **Minutes**

### **Present:**

Douglas Baily, Corvallis Fire

Doug Koellermeier, Bend Fire

Les Hallman, Newberg Fire

Mariana Ruiz-Temple, OSFM

Jack Carriger, Stayton Fire

Lang Johnson, Grants Pass Fire

Mariah Spradlin-Crater, OSFM

Tina Toney, OSFM

Alan McMahan, OSFM

Dustin Morrow, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

Jim Walker, OSFM

Jerry Hampton, Haines Fire

### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Introductions were made. Tina Toney has joined the committee as OSFM's Readiness Coordinator and will be taking over the resource management aspect. Alan McMahan is the IMT Program Coordinator. Mariana noted that OSFM staff support were separated from the 'Members' section of the charter. Although staff are here to provide input, the Mobilization Plan belongs to the fire service.

### **Expectations:**

Douglas reviewed his expectations for the committee. Everyone will have an equal voice, with recommendations reached by consensus. He asked that everyone attempt to leave their agencies at the door; during this process we are all working for the citizens of the state with support from our agencies.

The group will distribute quarterly updates to the Fire Defense Board Chiefs. Communication is essential to this process; we must all be prepared to have a uniform message. If the committee understands their message, it will be much easier to avoid the miscommunications of previous years.

Douglas emphasized that there are to be no background negotiations; all communication related to the work of the committee should include the entire committee.

**Charter Review:**

Mariana went through the charter point-by-point. The charter was unanimously approved.

**Project Timeline:**

The goal is to send the document to Fire Defense Board Chiefs in late January or early February. The group agreed to poll for support. In March the document should be completed. It should be accepted in April during the Fire Defense Board Chief meeting and printed and distributed in May.

**Additional Topics:**

The group agreed that the first quarterly update in November or December should include a breakdown of the benefits of using the wet rate. The data shows that the wet rate is better for the fire service, but we need to show that data to them.

Mariana suggested a broad conversation about FEMA in general. Douglas suggested the topic “FEMA” replace Mob Plan 101 at the State Fire Defense Board Meeting. Although the decision to mobilize is not driven by FEMA, it is important for OSFM to be able to get reimbursed if the option exists.

DPSST’s administrative rules related to the wildland certifications are scheduled to be in effect by December. The Mob Plan will be in line with those rules, which will be published in the 2013 Mob Plan.

**Support Services Cost per Incident:**

OSFM is mandated to create a standardized schedule to be used in unprotected areas. Some departments use the average cost listed in the Mobilization Plan, but some have other systems entirely. Mariana tried to determine where this amount came from, but was unable to. She mentioned that it may be easier to articulate a percentage than a set dollar amount.

**Mutual Aid:**

The OSFM wants to ensure the Mobilization Plan states very clearly at what point the OSFM will be reimbursing mutual aid. The OSFM’s past practice has been to reimburse from the time the conflagration is declared and they don’t anticipate changing that. However, it is not the state’s intention to reimburse local overhead or CERT teams; the Mobilization Plan was designed to reimburse for Task Forces and Strike Teams.

There’s further discussion to be had about out-of-state resources. For example, Malheur County has an agreement with Idaho. It’s important to hash it out and make a determination about who will be reimbursed and for what time.

**Volunteer Compensation Rate:**

The rate has been static since at least 1995. OFCA recently began a project to examine how volunteers are compensated. Their initial report is due next spring. In Idaho compensation is based on position.

**Conflagration Request Packet:**

The group is considering attaching the packet to the Mobilization Plan; potentially with perforated pages so it can be removed and utilized.

**Communication with Fire Defense Boards:**

It's a challenge to communicate with the Fire Defense Boards because there is no common meeting schedule. Fire Defense Board Chiefs are accountable to understand the Mobilization Plan and ensure the Chiefs within their district understand it. Douglas suggested sending communications to all Fire Chiefs or potentially creating a new page on the state website to be used to communicate. Mariana mentioned that OSFM recently started maintaining Twitter and Facebook accounts.

**Other Business:**

The group discussed having a meeting with all committee members in-person before the Fire Defense Board Chief meeting. Before or during the OFCA Conference in Bend November 7-10<sup>th</sup> might prove to be an ideal time. The OSFM will send out a doodle soon to determine availability.

**Before the Next Meeting:**

Douglas tasked OSFM staff with looking into how individual departments and adjoining states bill for support services. Dustin discussed working through Westerns to create a survey to glean that information.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 1300 hours at OSFM.