



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
12 noon

Orange County Fire Authority
Regional Fire Operations & Training Center
Classroom 1
One Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602

Committee Members

Bob Ruesch, Chair • Joe Kalmick, Vice Chair
Anne Mallari • John O'Neill • Vince Rossini
Dave Shawver • Chris Duncan

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CALL TO ORDER - Chair Ruesch

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Director Mallari

ROLL CALL - Clerk of the Authority

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please refer to instructions on how to submit a public comment on Page 1 of this Agenda.

1. PRESENTATION

- Quarterly Update by Deputy Chief McGovern

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters on the consent calendar are considered routine and are to be approved with one motion unless a director or a member of the public requests separate action on a specific item.

A. Minutes for the Operations Committee Meeting

Submitted by: Maria Huizar, Clerk of the Authority

The record will reflect that any Director not in attendance at the meeting of the Minutes will be registered as an abstention, unless otherwise indicated.

Recommended Actions:

Approve the Minutes for the November 14, 2023, Regular Meeting as submitted.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Introduction to OCFA Incident Management Team

Submitted by: Shane Sherwood, Assistant Chief Emergency Operations North and Steve Dohman, Division 7 Chief

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the report.

B. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Submitted by: Robert Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and Maria D. Huizar, Clerk of the Authority

Recommended Action:

Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2024.

REPORTS

No items.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – The next regular meeting of the Operations Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – THREE-MONTH OUTLOOK:

- Operations Quarterly Update
- New Firehawks Helicopters (FS41)

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Budget and Finance Committee
Executive Committee
Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 12 noon
Thursday, February 22, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Operations Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
12 Noon**

**Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
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Irvine, CA 92602**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Operations Committee was called to order on November 14, 2023, at 12:02 p.m. by Chair Ruesch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Kalmick led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Bob Ruesch, Mission Viejo, Chair
Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach, Vice Chair
Anne Hertz-Mallari, Cypress
John O'Neill, Garden Grove
Dave Shawver, Stanton

ABSENT Chris Duncan, San Clemente
Vince Rossini, Villa Park

Also present were:

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller	Deputy Chief TJ McGovern
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez	Assistant Chief Lori Smith
Assistant Chief Rob Capobianco	Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Assistant Chief Tim Perkins	Assistant Chief Shane Sherwood
Assistant Chief Stephanie Holloman	Assistant General Counsel Michael Daudt
Director of Communications Matt Olson	Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

1. PRESENTATION (FILE 12.02E1)

Deputy Chief TJ McGovern provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Operations Quarterly Update.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes for the Operations Committee Meeting (FILE 12.02F2)

The record will reflect that any Director not in attendance at the meeting of the Minutes will be registered as an abstention, unless otherwise indicated.

On motion of Director O'Neill and second by Director Kalmick, approved 5-0 (Directors Duncan and Rossini absent) the Minutes for the August 8, 2023, Regular Meeting as submitted.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Overview of OCFA's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Section (FILE 12.02F1)

Assistant Chief Rob Capobianco presented an Overview of the OCFA's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) section. He introduced his team of staff and their roles in managing the day to day aspects of EMS.

On motion of Director Kalmick and second by Director Shawver, approved 5-0 (Directors Duncan and Rossini absent) to receive and file the report.

REPORTS

No items.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Shawver reported attending a site visit of the Tustin Air Station Hangar, and inquired to the cause of the fire.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Ruesch adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Operations Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority



Orange County Fire Authority
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Operations Committee Meeting
February 13, 2024

Agenda Item No. 3A
Discussion Calendar

Introduction to OCFA Incident Management Team

Contact(s) for Further Information

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Emergency Operations North

Steve Dohman, Division 7 Chief stevedohman@ocfa.org 949.396.8106

Summary

This item is submitted to provide a background and briefing on the Orange County All-Hazards Incident Management Team (OC AHIMT) that will be presented to the Operations Committee.

Prior Board/Committee Action

Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Receive and file the report.

Impact to Cities/County

Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact

Not Applicable.

Background

OCFA members have played a pivotal role on Incident Management Teams (IMT) at the local, state, and federal levels. In this presentation, we will provide an overview of the Incident Command System (ICS) and delve into the Orange County All-Hazards Incident Management Team (OC AHIMT), sharing insights from various team deployments.

The Incident Command System (ICS) originated in the 1970s as a response to wildfires in California's urban areas. FIRESCOPE (Firefighting Resources of California Organized for Potential Emergencies), an interagency task force, developed ICS. By 1980, ICS had proven successful in major wildland and urban fire incidents, evolving to become a standard for managing all-risk incidents, including special events.

In a commitment to enhance incident management efficiency, the fire service integrated the team concept with the Incident Command System (ICS). The establishment of management teams ensures the swift deployment of motivated and qualified personnel, facilitating effective response and mitigation of emergency incidents. Team members, possess extensive experience and knowledge, contribute to their home agencies, sharing valuable insights during critical times and collaborating with colleagues. OCFA proudly has numerous members embedded in local, state, and federal incident management teams.

Incident Management Teams (IMT) have a long-standing history here at the OCFA. The OCFA formed its first IMT in the early 2000s. The original team roster consisted of eleven members filling out Command and General Staff positions. The IMT supported three rosters providing weekly coverage 24/7/365. Today, the OCFA supports the Orange County All-Hazards IMT (OC AHIMT) supporting a roster of twenty-eight (28) members across three teams. The OC AHIMT is an interagency team with members from the Orange County Operational Area including law enforcement and the Camp Pendleton Fire Department.

OCFA consistently roster a Type 3 Incident Management Team on a weekly basis, ready to respond when called. The OC AHIMT is one of ten (10) Type 3 All-Hazards IMTs recognized by Cal-OES and is available to respond outside the county borders and federally under an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The team's diversity not only ensures success but also enriches the depth of valuable experience within the roster. Over the years, the OC AHIMT has been deployed on numerous occasions. They have responded not only to wildfires but also played crucial roles in managing vaccination pods. Most recently, the team was involved in the Tustin Hagar Incident, showcasing their adaptability and effectiveness in diverse emergency situations.

Attachment(s)

None



Orange County Fire Authority
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Operations Committee Meeting
February 13, 2024

Agenda Item No. 3B
Discussion Calendar

Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Contact(s) for Further Information

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Summary

The Rules of Procedure includes provisions for the election of a Chair and Vice Chair.

Prior Board/Committee Action

This is an annual and routine item for Committee Member consideration.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2024.

Impact to Cities/County

None.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Background

The Rules of Procedure adopted by the Board of Directors includes a provision for election of the Chair and Vice Chair, as follow:

“RULE 10. THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Section (e)(2) At the first meeting of the Operations Committee following the annual election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, the Directors assigned to the Operations Committee shall elect from their members a Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.”

The Chair may call for nominations for the 2024 Chair and/or Vice Chair positions, close the nominations, vote on the matter and declare the results.

Attachment(s)

None.