

US&R
Governance Board Minutes
March 23, 2010

Governance Board

- Craig Warden, Public at Large
- Don Schallberger, Hillsboro Fire
- Gregg EK-Collins, ODOT
- John McDowell, Springfield Fire
- Reed Godfrey, Salem FD
- Rich Tyler, Portland F&R
- Todd Anderson, Tillamook Co So
- Vacant, South Region

Committee Chair

- Tina Toney, OSFM
- Derek Grafton

Others

- Fred Charlton, Clackamas Fire
- Andy Loudon, Corvallis Fire
- Jamie Smith, Albany Fire
- Ed Fitzgerald
- Scott Parker

- Jason Morgan, TVF&R
- Jason Blount, Hillsboro Fire
- John West, DPSST
- Mariana Ruiz-Temple, OSFM
- Vince Wilson, Portland F&R

Welcome/Introductions:

Introductions were made.

Minutes:

The February minutes were reviewed and approved with one minor change.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

OSFM UPDATE: Mariana Ruiz-Temple

Air Monitor Service. Mariana emailed Steve Best with HM3 to set up a time that they will be able to test the monitors. She requested that the logs committee discuss and come up with a plan for testing monitors in the future. The group discussed the need to have a plan in place

Logistics Work. The Office of State Fire Marshal has received two names of individuals who are interested in contracting with OSFM to complete the work. Don Schallberger provided Mariana two more names. Tina and Mariana will be reviewing the information and making a selection by Friday April 2nd.

The group discussed the importance of selecting an individual who is motivated and would like to stay on the committee.

Procurement The group discussed the need to publish the procurement form and process on the website. Mariana will advise Tina to do so.

Steering Committee. We still need the administrator forms from Clackamas, Corvallis, Salem and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.

All Hazards Exercise. The Office of State Fire Marshal will begin planning an all hazards (IMT, USAR and HM) in May. We hope to focus on the North HM teams and TF.

REPORTS

TRAINING COMMITTEE UPDATE– DEREK GRAFTON, EUGENE FIRE

Process for Modular Training. The training committee made a presentation on their recommendation. A lengthy discussion ensued relative to DPSST involvement and whether we should purchase curriculum even

though there is curriculum available for free.

The group voted to accept the training committee's recommendation of purchasing the RTA Rescue Specialist program for SCT. In addition OSFM will meet with DPSST to discuss their continued involvement during US&R meetings.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE—JOHN MCDOWELL, SPRINGFIELD FIRE

John McDowell presented the Operations Strategic Plan. The group discussed the need to focus on Oregon deployments but continue to work towards the capabilities needed to deploy outside of Oregon.

In regards to canine capabilities. Mariana requested the group create a document that summarizes the need, sustainability and financial issues involved with this capability. Ed Fitzgerald said that Portland Fire is not interested in hosting a dog. The group decided it would be appropriate to re survey the departments to determine their interest.

Strategic Plan

- 1) Within 18 months, develop capability for Oregon US&R to deploy to incidents within driving distance in neighboring states (Idaho, California, Washington).
- 2) Within 36 months, develop the capability to have Oregon US&R teams deployed nationwide.
- 3) Assist in planning and executing at least one deployment exercise per year and two tabletops per year (one in the north, one in the south).
- 4) Develop canine capabilities within 18 months. If EMAC goes with the new NIMS classifications, US&R will be required to have canine capabilities in order to deploy either a Type 1 or Type 3 team. A Type 3 team is equivalent to one regional team and a Type 1 team is equivalent to 2 regional teams. Reed has checked with the Search Dog Foundation about obtaining dogs for the teams. John said the dogs are more accurate and three times faster than human searchers, and this was borne out at the Evanite training exercise.
- 5) The Operations Committee recommends making changes in Advance Team organization within the next six months. The committee recommended unanimously to roster advance teams through the task force leaders. These teams would be on duty during a rotational period and would also have a "pool" list of backup people. This system would allow flexibility in the North and South regions, countywide, and statewide. John said there should be an annual rotation with a rostered team available any given day of the year in both the North and the South regions. This may require them to place increased emphasis on position specialization in future training.
- 6) Continue with the annual review of the Operations Manual in January of each year. This was put in the form of a strategic goal for the Steering Committee to approve.

New Business

Ed Fitzgerald will be hosting a Medical Specialist class in the fall. Registrations will be paid for but will be working with OSFM to provide some financial support US&R members that attend the training. Nine positions will be held for the South.

Reed requested a description be created that outlines the responsibilities of the US&R team administrator that will be on the steering group. Mariana indicated that OSFM will present one before the steering committee begins in July.

2010 Meeting Schedule

Meeting location, unless otherwise noted

Salem Fire Station 6
2740 25th Street
Salem Oregon

Time 0900-1130

Conference Call 1877-468-2136

Participant Code 127157

January 26

***February 23 OSFM**

March 2

***April 27 TBD**

May 25

June 22

July 27

August 24

September 28

***October 26 TBD**

***November 23 TBD**

December 28