

CENTER MANAGER'S MEETING NOTES
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MOBILIZATION CENTERS

A Mob Center Taskforce was created to start looking operations/efficiencies/current and future issues facing Southwest Mob Centers. The members of this taskforce are, Kenan, Clay Templin, Rich Nieto, Jason Greenlee and Shana Miller. Kenan asked for a couple of new members from this group to be on the taskforce to represent the local dispatch level. Beth Spencer from Show Low Dispatch and Wendy Tolman from Santa Fe Dispatch volunteered.

Some of the most current findings:

The current proposal to build a facility at Williams Gateway to include the dispatch and mob center cannot be funded from the USFS alone. Other than local agency participation/funding, there are no other monies available at the moment from the other agencies to help fund the current proposal.

The current facility will be closed, as of 2/09, as early as September 2008, they could be asked to vacate. As it stands, Williams-Gateway will be business as usual, although there will be a few changes. The 2008 PHX Mob Center procedures will be sent out in the coming days. Some of the highlights are:

The crews can no longer spend the night at the Mob Center as the result of a safety inspection. The building is not designed, nor equipped to properly/legally overnight crews. Because of this, SWCC will work with NICC to not have any jets scheduled prior to 1200 to give time for crews to drive to PHX the morning of the jet.

If any of the Centers need to commercial their crews out of Sky Harbor, they will work primarily with SWCC and Sky Harbor (Oscar 20 desk). The Tonto can help with the process of setting things up with Sky Harbor (Oscar 20). SWCC will now have to interface with Oscar 20 to be able to allow buses to park directly at the terminals.

Albuquerque – Another 4-5 years on existing agreement, facility is owned by the city and some items are currently needing attention as a result of a safety inspection. A meeting will take place to talk about what needs to be fixed at the facility, who will pay for it and what the USFS responsibilities are versus the city.

Tucson may be an option for mob center operations in the future. Chuck said there are a few things in the making and he's hoping they will be able to facilitate in the future.

INCIDENT BUSINESS

Fire Code issues were discussed by Kathy Lister (USFS Incident Business). She looked into all of the codes and there are many codes without any charges attached to them and found a lot of other discrepancies on past codes. The group agreed that more documentation would be entered in the comments box when a firecode is created. Kathy also explained the difference between Billable and Reimbursable boxes on Firecode. If it is a “trespass” fire **human-caused** fire, if you check the billable box, it will bring to ASC’s attention they can bill some person or other entity for this fire. If it is a reimbursable fire, it means ASC will know to bill a state for example. If you check the multi-jurisdictional box, we need to document in Firecode what agencies were actually involved. Multi-jurisdictional means multi-land ownership, “who owns the fire”. Discussion was held on not getting a corrected job code in a timely manner. It has been very difficult. Kathy will go back to ASC to see if something can be set up, which will make the procedures of getting something corrected quickly.

EERA’s were brought up. There are many unknowns at this point. Until told otherwise, business as usual. Remember to document why you made your choice when ordering outside the federal agency resources. Any technical questions, refer them to your nearest Contracting Officer.

EXPANDED DISPATCH COORDINATOR/AIRCRAFT DISPATCHER POSITIONS

There are some units who have no agency qualified CORDs or ACDPs. AD’s can sign on Taskbooks, if they are qualified. AD’s cannot certify them. Beth brought up the idea of sending trainees with qualified CODs. (Something to think about when we open up our Expandeds.)

TRAINING – “D” CLASSES

Nicole asked if some folks would like to volunteer to coordinate or help coordinate these classes. It is a pretty big workload. Beth said the D-311 class has only gotten 3 nominations. If Beth doesn’t get at least 16 people, she will cancel the class.

It was decided a rotation will be set up for all the 300 Level “D” courses. The Steering Committee will work with the Center Manager’s to ensure all D classes & ROSS are coordinated appropriately between agencies.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS

Need to call SWCC first if you think you are going to order a Team. Don’t start calling team members, until everything is set in stone.

A team person will keep the rosters updated.

Pre-orders for the teams are coming in. If you hosted a team, delete all their pre-orders and their rosters. SWCC will be entering them manually. Pre-orders will be accessible in the New Request screen.

TYPE I CREWS

Local rotation vs. out of area rotation. The out of area rotation will be priority, no matter what the local crew rotation is. The crews need to be dispatched by crew name. SWCC will create the rotation by who comes on first and they have to be fully qualified to be on the rotation list. Granite Mountain will still be a IHC trainee this year and Iron Wood is also coming on as a trainee. Santa Fe IHC will also be coming back. These crews will most likely be outside the rotation because SWCC would like to send them along with qualified crews as much as possible.

NIROPS

If we start doing IR flights, we will need to fill out the IR Flight Scanner form and submit it to SWCC. The website for the form is: <http://nirops.fs.fed.us/rcr/scanner/index.php>
The SITL's on IMTs also have a login to NIROPS.

EDSD ON IMT PROCESS

Dispatchers will start going out and working with the IMTs, specifically the ORDM and SUPL to create the ROSS orders from camp.
SWCC will start requesting an O# for this position, with approval from the team.

2009 DISPATCHER'S WORKSHOP

Discussed using NAFRI for a facility next year for the Dispatch Workshop. Everyone agreed this would be a great place. Talked about the dates and whether or not we need a whole 3 days or cut it down to 2 days. We had a lot of great ideas and there will be several changes to the next workshop. Chuck will be finding out about logistics and will get back to Kenan asap.

TFR's

TFR's are daylight hours only. We cannot close the airspace 24 hours straight anymore.

ROSS ORGANIZATIONS

Kenan asked what Center's need to delete their fourth tier. Prescott needs to delete Yuma and Tonto needs to delete Pima. They can't do anything until the records are archived. Connie Fox is the person who will be strictly working on ROSS organizations.

DRIVING REGULATIONS

Driving regulations are changed in the Mob Guide to utilize the guidelines in the Redbook. All resources should meet the 2/1 ratio. As long as you are not driving more than 10 hours and/or your Supervisor is mitigating the fatigue factor, you can drive past 2200. It is discouraged that you don't drive past 2200 by the SWCG.

NEXT MEETING

The next Center Manger's meeting will be October 7 & 8 in Showlow. The meeting will start @ 1200 on the 7th and end @ 1200 on the 8th.