

Central Oregon Fire Operations Group Minutes
Redmond Fire Department
November 9, 2006

Members Present:

DC Koellermeier, Captain Blake, BC Boos, BC Tom Wright, BC Bob Madden and BC Dave Howe- Bend Fire,
Ken Enoch- Sisters Fire,
Chiefs' Dick Knorr, Tim Moor and from Redmond Fire,
Steve Ward from Deschutes 911
April Stream from Jefferson County 911
Tobie Reynolds from Prineville 911
Chris Hice- USFS/ BLM

Minutes approved as written

Topics:

Standard Operating Guidelines

MVC SOG has been adopted by the Fire Chiefs. The final draft will be posted on the website and implemented on 11-08-06.

Structure Fire SOG – Doug Koellermeier will be emailing the draft form of the structure fire SOG for people to review and adjust. Please be ready for comments and suggestion by next meeting.

High Rise Operations- Redmond and Bend Fire will be developing a high rise for mutual aid responses. They will be developing a work group to address high rise operations.

2007 Interface Communication Plan

ODF is following the US Forest Service and going to narrow band frequencies. This will obvious be a problem for structural fire agencies in 2007. The COFOG group and the Fire Chiefs will be working on this issue in the coming months. Command channels and Air-Ground will be the primary channels affected.

Website Update

All documents are in draft form and ready to go on the website. Dick Knorr is working with the website company on implementing. November 30th will be the date the website will be up and running.

Overlap Agreements

Bend, Redmond, Sunriver, Cloverdale and Sisters have entered into automatic aid agreements.

Helicopter Protocol

Members expressed concern over AirLife's auto launch program. Currently the program is operating the same as it has before. The group has decided to work through ECEMS and come up with some protocols for auto launch and what back up helicopter to use if AirLife is unavailable.

Election of Officers and By-laws

Next meeting we will elect new officers for COFOG. The officer positions will be Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. We will also critique the by-laws for COFOG that has been developed. Please make sure to review these prior to next meeting.

911 Issues

Fire Dispatchers will be changing schedules. Please see attached memo from Steve Ward explaining the switch.

Shawn Prey will be our new representative to COFOG. Camille has resigned her position as a supervisor. She will still dispatch for the 911 center. I would like to thank Camille for all her time and effort.

The new phone system has been installed. There is now a direct number that will get you to the fire dispatcher. The number is 388-0179.

Major Incidents

In Bend two semi trucks collided and caught fire. The incident killed the two drivers and caused major traffic problems throughout the city. Many lessons were also learned during the incident.

Meeting was adjourned at 1159