



Highlights
FFRWG Teleconference
September 28, 2011; 3:00 pm, EDT

Participants

Brenda Andersen, LANL	Jeff Leifel, ORISE
Patty Billy, LLNL	Michael Masters, ORNL
Mike Brock, B&W Pantex	David Matthews, NST
Dennis Cavalier, SNL/NM	Eugene McPeck, SNL
Chuck Fauerbach, NNSA	Brian Nickerson, LANL
Bill Froh, DOE/NNSA	Nickie Panis, WSI-NV
John Gamby, NST	Roger Paul, Y-12 EM
Justin Goehring, Y-12	June Pauley, DOE/NNSA
Scott Hackler (Vice Chair), B&W, Y-12	Mark Short, LANL Security

General Information

- A roll call of the participants was taken and Chuck Fauerbach chaired the meeting.
- The meeting opened with an announcement regarding audio recording. The meetings are recorded solely for note taking accuracy. There were no objections by the participants. The recordings are destroyed when highlights are approved. Using this approach, DOE is allowing the recording of these teleconferences.
- **FFRWG membership directory** is available on the EMI SIG website:
<https://www2.orau.gov/EMISIG/Members.aspx?GroupID=24>

Old Business

- Chuck Fauerbach reviewed the Highlights of the July 14 meeting and they were approved for posting.
- Jeff Leifel did an introduction as the new ORISE Coordinator and gave a brief synopsis of his background in information technology, emergency management, and the fire service.

New Business

- Open discussion on status from participating sites on current efforts, status of ICS implementation, and recent incidents across the complex of Type III and above.

- Brenda Andersen, LANL, EOC point of view
 - The large fires required three Type I teams and LANL EOC to be stood up as part of the mitigation command structure. As a result there were no changes to ICS procedures and overall methodologies worked as expected for the most part.
 - There were some issues of over-population with responders not normally on scene for smaller incidents due to the large nature of the fire and the fact senior leadership was involved in the response.
 - Shift change and 'next operational period' issues existed. There were varying shifts with ED (senior mgmt) on 8hr shifts, others on 12hr shifts, and still others on 10hr rotations. This caused issues with IAPs and objectives and duplicated briefings.
 - An IAP existed at the EOC for the lab and county which included mitigation activities on LANL campus.
 - After action reviews and assessments still taking place. Chuck asked if the outcomes could be made available to the WG for posting on SharePoint once complete.
- Brian Nickerson, LANL, incident scene point of view
 - Rotated with 2 shifts on at a time with all trucks and reserves staffed. Operational period was 12hr shifts with patrols. Overall logistics went very well.
 - Internal lessons learned being compiled at this time. Objective would be to have an integrated IAP across all organizations. Chuck asked if the outcomes could be made available to the WG for posting on SharePoint once complete.
 - Forest Service had overall command and developed IAPs for their operational periods. LANL had supporting internal IAPs covering the town and the lab itself. LANL had a representative at the Incident Command Post on/off throughout the incident.
- Chuck Fauerbach, NNSS, stated they had smaller fires on site and he would provide details on BLM Type III ICS efforts and ICP reviews when available.
- Patty Billy, LLNL, utilizes SIMS (NIMS California version) unified command with supporting staff positions based on the incident. New base procedures being developed no require facility managers to report to the IC during incidents at their respective facility as an SME. This is similar to the operations at NNSS.
- Roger Paul, Y-12, changes have been made to command structure roles and responsibilities which resulted in required readings and training for staff. Some changes are modification of position titles to be more NIMS compliant. Y-12 recently held an active shooter tabletop to see if the integration of WSI IC and FD worked for the general staff and command staff positions. Also, on November 2nd Y-12 is holding a full-scale active shooter exercise and expect further refinements to take place to the procedures after the event. For active shooter

events, ProForce is our first response and they can work offensively to contain/mitigate without pulling resources from S&M until local law enforcement can arrive. This is similar with NNS protocols. Eugene McPeek, SNL, has further documents on offensive measures, fire response, combat dressings, etc. to the WG SharePoint site as they become available.

- Scott Hackler reviewed the ICS program plan spreadsheet, an effort which he is spearheading for Type III and above incidents (where a standardized DOE IMT is required). The current version of the ICS spreadsheet incorporates standardizing ICS, COOP, and Beyond Design Basis Threat.
 - Goals are in place and below each goal are training details.
 - Implementation phase is working and has been used for over a year now. This will continue to evolve and may include web-based training to reduce costs.
 - DOE/NNSA phase involves working with Bill Froh and others.
 - LANL or SNL for pilot program once ready and approved.
 - Brenda Andersen, LANL, expressed questions on COOP portion of the plan pertaining to personnel response when activated which stems from the first official activation of COOP to the EOC within DOE at a recent exercise.
 - Eugene McPeek, SNL, utilizes standard NIMS roles for COOP within the command structure.
 - The spreadsheet was sent to the group membership for review and comments and will be posted on SharePoint. This is a long term effort that will take time and effort among the sites. Successful implementation of this effort would give DOE a stand-alone response capability for its sites.
- Chuck Fauerbach began a discussion of possible presentations, guest speakers, panel discussions, training, etc. for the 2012 annual meeting. A general direction for the topics is to remain within the ICS arena. He opened the floor to inputs from the sites regarding presentations or guest speakers.
- Jeff Leifel commented on the creation of a discussion area on SharePoint to hold a log of ideas or concepts for the annual meeting so please visit SharePoint and post your ideas for the WG to see. Chuck Fauerbach has asked that anyone with suggestions to post them to the SharePoint site.
- The WG is looking at extending the amount of time it convenes and would like to investigate options to include a second ½ to full day.
 - Davey Matthews, NST, asked the WG to rethink the use of additional time in a group meeting because the members of the WG would lose a portion of the general session or the annual meeting tour. One option is either the Sunday before, ½ day on Thursday, or the Friday after the annual meeting. Special arrangements would have to be made by Dorothy Cohen, ORISE, if hotel needs are extended beyond the normal dates of the meeting.
- Chuck Fauerbach presented the idea of a FFRWG display booth for the 2012 Annual Meeting. He suggested an additional discussion area on SharePoint to capture inputs



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from the WG. Submissions will be reviewed by the WG leadership team before presenting back to the WG.

Action Items

- Chuck Fauerbach will check with John Gamby regarding the status of ICS documents to be published on the password-protected SharePoint site for the group.
- Jeff Leifel to create discussion areas on SharePoint for the group to provide ICS related discussions and EMI SIG Annual Meeting presentation and/or display options. Feel free to post to the Team Discussions or contact him with questions.

Wrap-up

- The next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 3:00 pm EST, noon PST.
- The teleconference was concluded at 3:55 pm EDT.