

XOR CICCIS 300 Peer Review Committee Meeting

September 4, 2008

Members in attendance:

DC Laser - Fountain Valley
DC Martin - USFS
DC Waterhouse - Anaheim

BC Nevarez - OCFA
FC Norton - OCFA
FC Ganger - Laguna Beach

Others in attendance:

Fire Chief Bertka - Garden Grove
Fire Chief Macey - Laguna Beach
Fire Chief Lewis - Orange City
DC Matheis - Newport Beach
DC Barlag - Garden Grove
DC Engberg - Huntington Beach
DC Jones - Costa Mesa
DC Head - Laguna Beach
DC Eickhoff - Orange City
DC Kelly - Brea

BC Kershaw - Costa Mesa
BC Arledge - Newport Beach
BC Dominic - Costa Mesa
BC Neely - USFS
BC Ferdig - OCFA
FC Hutnyan - OCFA
FC McGovern - Garden Grove
FC Russell - Anaheim
FC Southerland - Orange City
FF Mickey Hansen - OCFA

Discussion items:

- Committee Chair Nevarez announced that Fire Chief Bart Lewis, Orange City, will attend XOR 300 CICCIS Peer Review Committee meetings as liaison for the Orange County Fire Chiefs Association.
- Committee member Laser led discussion about allowing trainees to be entered into ROSS pending completion of training, as specified in the 2008 revision of NWCG PMS 310-1.
 - Committee Chair Nevarez noted that the 2006 version of NWCG PMS 310-1 is still the governing document being used by the committee. The current guidelines do not allow entry into ROSS until all required training classes are completed.
 - Committee Chair Nevarez stated concerns from members of the Orange County Fire Chiefs Association about Peer Review Committee adoption of the 2006 NWCG PMS 310-1 guidelines. Their desire is to be consulted before changes are adopted so that their preferences may be known. Committee Chair Nevarez will follow-up and ensure they are contacted in the future.

- Fire Chief Lewis expressed concern of Fire Chiefs not being able to get trainee assignments for their personnel due to lack of training class opportunities.
- Committee member Norton stated that the California State CICC Taskforce Committee, which he is a member of, is not going to adopt the 2008 NWCG PMS 310-1. They will most likely create and approve a California specific document.
- After further discussion, Fire Chief Lewis believes that the members of the Orange County Fire Chief Association support following the 2006 NWCG PMS 310-1 guidelines currently in use.
- Several attendees expressed frustration with the lack of pre-requisite class availability. The most needed class, S-290, Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior, is the most difficult class to find.
 - Committee members Waterhouse and Martin expressed the importance of S-290 as a cornerstone pre-requisite for anyone operating in the wildland environment.
 - Attendees discussed the need to work together to offer training class opportunities on a county-wide basis when possible.
- Attendees expressed concern about the recently adopted policy requiring trainees to go through the 300 Peer Review Committee before being entered into ROSS. The main concern is missed training opportunities due to the process and quarterly meeting schedule.
 - Committee Chair Nevarez led discussion stating why the process was adopted and the pros and cons of changing it.
 - Fire Chief Lewis suggested the use of a checklist, in lieu of Peer Committee review, to assist Fire Chiefs in ensuring all requirements are met.
 - Committee Chair Nevarez endorsed the use of position checklists and giving responsibility for approving trainees back to agency Fire Chiefs.
 - Committee member Norton agreed to assist in developing and distributing ICS position trainee qualification checklists.
 - Committee Chair Nevarez offered assistance from OCFA staff in getting local IQS systems running.

- Motion made by Committee Chair Nevarez as follows:
 - Discontinue current process of 300 Peer Review Committee approving trainee status and give responsibility to approve trainees back to agency Fire Chiefs.
 - Vote: 5 yea, 0 nay
 - Upon request, trainee packets can be submitted to a committee member for unofficial review.

IQS Applications:

- BC William Kershaw, Costa Mesa Fire Department
 - RESL
 - **Approved**
- BC William Kershaw, Costa Mesa Fire Department
 - DEMOB
 - **Denied**

Comments: Wasn't qualified as RESL at time of submission. Must resubmit with documentation of requisite experience

- BC Dave McBride, Huntington Beach Fire Department
 - STEN
 - **Approved**

Comments: Pending final evaluator signature.

- BC Adrian Montoya, Brea Fire Department
 - STEN
 - **Approved**
- DC Patrick Dibb, Orange City Fire Department
 - DIVS
 - **Approved**
- DC Frank Eickoff, Orange City Fire Department
 - DIVS
 - **Approved**
- FC Kevin Southerland, Orange City Fire Department
 - STEN
 - **Approved**

- BC Robert Stefano, Orange City Fire Department
 - STEN
 - **Denied**

Comments: Needs more experience.

- FC Jeff Adams, Orange County Fire Authority
 - RESL
 - **Approved**
- FC Lawrence Kurtz, Orange County Fire Authority
 - DOCL
 - **Approved**
- BC Gina Aubrey, Orange County Fire Authority
 - STEN
 - **Denied**

Comments: Needs more “hot line” experience.

- BC Dave Phillips, Orange County Fire Authority
 - DIVS
 - **Denied**

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- BC Ron Roberts, Orange County Fire Authority
 - DIVS
 - **Denied**

Comments: Needs more experience. Missing S-390 certificate.

Next Peer Review Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2008, 0900 at RFOTC.