

**METRO FIRE AGENCY
SPECIAL OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP**

**July 18, 2007 – Meeting Minutes
Fire Station #31**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Warren James, Midvale City Fire Department
Dave Lee, Midvale City Fire Department
Jon Harris, Murray City Fire Department
Geoff Feldman, Sandy City Fire Department
Richard Lyman, Sandy City Fire Department
Jeremy Allen, South Jordan City Fire Department
Shane Conrad, South Salt Lake Fire Department
Blaine Daimaru, South Salt Lake Fire Department
Rodger Broomé, West Jordan City Fire Department
Ben Jeffs, West Jordan City Fire Department
John Evans, West Valley City Fire Department
Bob Fitzgerald, West Valley City Fire Department
Bruce Myler, West Valley City Fire Department
Kris Romijn, West Valley City Fire Department
Stan Varney, West Valley City Fire Department

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Geoff Feldman

BUSINESS

Training

Advanced Extrication training is scheduled for July 26, 27, and 28, 2007. The training will Rocky Mountain Raceways. West Jordan City Fire Department is coordinating this training.

Paratech Stabilization training has been scheduled for August 8, 2007. West Valley City Fire Department and Paratech are sponsoring this training. Location and time information has been e-mailed to the MFA members.

Low Angel Rescue Training is scheduled for August 22, 23, and 24, 2007. Sandy City Fire Department is coordinating this training. An adequate location is still being researched. Specific details will be e-mailed to the Special Operations Work Group members as soon as they are finalized.

High Angle/Confined Space Technician School is scheduled for September 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, 2007. This is a joint training venture between the Metro Fire Agency departments and will fun 08:00 to 17:00 each day at various locations.

High Angle Training is scheduled for September 18, 19, 20, 2007. West Valley Fire Department is hosting this training. It will probably be held at the E-Center and more details will be e-mailed to this group as they become available.

Confined Space Training is scheduled for October 24, 25, and 26, 2007. Midvale and South Jordan Fire Departments will co-host this training. We are working to secure the Salt Lake City Training Tower for this training.

HazMat ALS Training is scheduled for October 29 to November 2, 2007. South Salt Lake Fire Department will be hosting this training at the South Salt Lake Police Station. There is a \$300.00 per person charge for this training to cover books and materials.

HM Agent Identification is scheduled for November 13, 14, and 15, 2007. Midvale Fire Department will be hosting this training at ST22 from 08:00 to 16:00.

The group planned the first half of 2008 training and that information is available on the website at http://www.metrofireagency.org/html/special_operations.html

Other Business

The Metro Fire Agency is proceeding forward with organizing a Metro USAR asset/capability. Chief John Evans encouraged the group to move slowly with this process, ensuring that it is done correctly. He reminded us that the immediate need is for a USAR Team that could operate in the case of an event the Metro Fire Agency communities and would be available to assist our neighboring communities. The concept of a USAR Task Force that would be regionally or out-of-state deployable is a long term and not an immediate goal. The first planning meeting of the USAR Focus Group will be **August 1, 2008 at 08:00 hours at Fire Station #22**. Members of the focus group will be traveling to Portland, Oregon in September to visit with their team and find their lesson's learned.

Old Business

Updated HM and HR Inventories are due by August 1, 2007 to Battalion Chief James.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held **September 26, 2007-13:30 p.m. at Fire Station #31.**