THOMAS FIRE DECISIONS

- A brief overview of implementing the operational plan with simultaneous incident planning
- Overview of decision points and coordination
- Lessons from the past
- Knowledge of the dirt, the agencies, the player’s
AGENCY EXPECTATIONS

- Define your agencies position on relationships?
- How important are relationships to you?
- Thomas Fire was an exercise in relationships
- Department leaders need to have expectations of their command and company offers prior to events
- Investments in your partner agencies
INITIAL ACTIONS

▸ What's the plan?
▸ Have you chosen a strategy?
▸ Have you relayed that to all members on the incident?
▸ Does your agency have radio discipline?
▸ How do you communicate? Have you practiced?
EVACUATIONS

- A lot of study has gone into evacuations and early warning
- Evacuations at night are the most difficult. You are dealing with human factors
- Have you had the discussion with partner agencies on what success looks like. Do you share the vision?
- Strike Teams for primary search. Is it in their mission?
EVACUATIONS

- Who are the players
- If you have waited to discuss you have failed
- Coordination in waves
- Have a plan and announce the plan
- Reality is people will leave at the last possible minute
PARTNERSHIP

- Three essentials to keep partnerships successful
- 1) Both parties must be committed to making it work
- 2) The communication must be open and honest
- 3) Agreements must be clerks both entities know what the other expects from them

DO YOU HAVE PARTNERSHIPS?? Have you had the direct conversation, and allows ego’s to be removed?
QUICK TIPS TO HELP YOU STAY AHEAD

- Draw your box quickly, Define it talk to it.
- Often reluctant to simplify (discussion)
- Get the info down on the map and communicate the box
- Maps are a quintessential tool to brief with
- Build the box regardless of fire conditions
- Don’t wait to bring partners into the plan
OPERATIONS OUTLINE FOR SUCCESS

- Early resource orders
- Match the rates of spread to the impacts
- Success is learning to disengage and redirect
- Success may not be scene by you but abundantly clear to everyone you lead
- Learn how to communicate the mission the overall purpose and the expected results
WITHOUT REFLECTION THERE IS NO LEARNING

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CLOSING

- Discuss the message its how we learn be open input
- The forwarded e-mail analogy
- The goal is bring to your attention patterns behind circumstances…This helps us notice teaching moments
THANK YOU: FOR ALLOWING US TO DISCUSS THIS INCIDENT