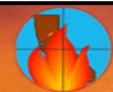


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Executive Summary

The FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Operations Team, Task Force and Specialist/Working Groups continue working to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the California Fire Service consistent with the organization’s mission. The California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Fire and Rescue Services Advisory Committee / FIRESCOPE Board of Directors has approved and initiated implementation of new or revised FIRESCOPE documents during their January 9, 2019 meeting.

The dissemination and implementation of new or revised policy, procedural and developmental documents is critical to maintaining the integrity and effective execution of Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch operations, the Incident Command System (ICS), Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS), and the State’s Master Mutual Aid System. To that end, this “FIRESCOPE Quarterly Briefing” is designed to inform the California Fire Service and affected stakeholders of material changes, and to provide clarity as to the impact associated with new or recently revised FIRESCOPE documents.

Newly Approved FIRESCOPE Material

The following is a list of new or recently revised FIRESCOPE documents with an accompanying summary statement for each item that details the impact to the State’s Master Mutual Aid System, MACS or ICS.

1. **FIRESCOPE ICS 801 Hoist Rescue Guidelines:** Due to the absence of a national helicopter hoist-rescue standard for Public Use agencies, the FIRESCOPE Aviation Operations Specialist Group has developed [FIRESCOPE ICS 801 Hoist Rescue Guidelines](#). The document outlines hoist-rescue equipment standards for aircraft and personnel, pilot and crewmember training standards, pre-planning and operational guidelines for day and night hoist-rescue operations, as well as the source material used in the development of the document.



2. **MACS 400-1 Document Control System & MACS 400-2 Documents and Forms Descriptions:** Both of these guiding documents were revised to update policy related to FIRESCOPE products. Notably, a California mandate requires state government websites, and all documents contained therein, to be fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards by July 2019. [MACS 400-1](#) now includes document formatting guidelines to comply with ADA accessibility requirements. [MACS 400-2](#) also revised the FIRESCOPE document numbering system to improve consistency and organization. Importantly, [ICS 900-California Fire Services User’s Guide to Disaster Declarations and Agreements for Cooperation](#) was renumbered to MACS 409. To view these FIRESCOPE documents with the ADA guidelines, updated numbering system, and titles, visit the [FIRESCOPE](#) website and click on the “Documents.”



3. **FIRESCOPE MACS 405 Resource Status Report:** The MACS 405 was revised to add a new “OES Equipment” section that indicates the status of Cal OES Engines, Water Tenders, and Other OES resources separate from the Local, State, and Federal Equipment section. The [MACS 405](#) is a form prepared and compiled by the MACS Group Intelligence Section, as information is acquired from Agency Emergency Coordination/Communication Centers. It is used by the MACS Group and the Mutual Aid System to maintain situational awareness, assist in incident prioritization, and inform the System of resource status by area/region or agency, kind and type of requested resources and resources deployed. Visit [FIRESCOPE](#) and click on “Documents” to download a free copy.

2019 California Fire Service Initiatives

The following updates are included to ensure the appropriate awareness and communication of key California Fire Service initiatives that have been, or are in the process of being, implemented:

FIRESCOPE will be partnering with CalChiefs to host the 2019 Fire Operations Technology Summit on February 19-20, 2019 at Esri Headquarters in Redlands, California. Many important topics will be discussed, such as CAD-to-CAD Interoperability, the latest in situational awareness tools, GIS technology, and much more. [For event registration and details click here.](#)



The FIRESCOPE Aviation Operations Specialist Group, overseeing the UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) Working Group, has received extensive interest from multiple agencies to be represented on the UAS Working Group. Some agencies may be asked to work through a City, County or District representative to ensure the Working Group’s Plan of Work and meeting schedule can be managed effectively while representing all agencies.



The FIRESCOPE Website is undergoing a major redesign by Cal OES Staff, which is projected to be rolled out in the summer of 2019. Some new design features include a “one and done” navigation approach, real time updates, and quicker access to the FOG manual, behavioral health resources, and training links to name a few.



The FIRESCOPE Task Force will be facilitating its annual MACS Exercises at OES Headquarters in Mather, CA on April 24, 2019 and at South Ops in Riverside, CA on May 15, 2019. Visit the [FIRESCOPE](#) website for specific details.

FIRESCOPE Leadership

The FIRESCOPE organization would like to congratulate Fire Chief Kim Zagaris -Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division- on a well-deserved retirement following 45-years of dedicated service to the residents of California. As Executive Coordinator of the Cal OES Fire and Rescue Services Advisory Committee-FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Chief Zagaris has been instrumental in shaping the California Fire Service into the model of service it is today. He is recognized nationally and internationally as one of the most influential leaders in the fire service and is universally admired and respected for his countless contributions and achievements. Chief Zagaris leaves a rich legacy for his devotion to the profession and to the professionals that carryout the state’s fire and rescue mission. FIRESCOPE wishes Chief Zagaris a long, healthy, happy and fulfilled retirement.





As the newly appointed Fire Chief to head the Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division, Chief Brian Marshall has an extensive resume and brings over 32-years of fire service experience to the position. Chief Marshall leaves a distinguished career serving as Fire Chief for the Kern County Fire Department since 2012. Chief Marshall is intimately familiar with FIRESCOPE, having served as a member of the Board of Directors during his tenure as Fire Chief for Kern County Fire. FIRESCOPE warmly welcomes Chief Marshall as FIRESCOPE's new Executive Coordinator and congratulates him and his family on his appointment to Chief of Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division.



In December 2018, Chief Ken Pimlott -Director California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection- retired following an illustrious 30-year career with CAL FIRE. Chief Pimlott was appointed Director in 2011 and is one of three Chiefs to rise to the position from within the department's ranks. Chief Pimlott is widely respected throughout the fire service for his steady leadership, ability to effectively manage crises, and efforts to build CAL FIRE into the robust, highly capable, technologically advanced, and professional firefighting force it is today. Chief Pimlott is admired by the men and women of CAL FIRE for his loyalty to them and commitment to ensuring their complete health and financial well-being. Chief Pimlott's contributions to FIRESCOPE have helped to position the organization as a national leader in the development of the Incident Command System and Multi-Agency Coordination System. FIRESCOPE extends its appreciation to Chief Pimlott for his service and wishes him a long, healthy, and happy retirement.



On January 8, 2019, Chief Thom Porter was appointed Director California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection after serving as Acting Director since December 2018. During his CAL FIRE career, Chief Porter served as Chief of Strategic Planning in CAL FIRE Sacramento Headquarters, the Southern Region Chief, Assistant Region Chief, and San Diego Unit Fire Chief. Chief Porter's depth of fire department management expertise is equaled by his forestry experience and background. He is a Registered Professional Forester in California and holds a Bachelor of Forestry Degree from the University of California Berkeley. FIRESCOPE congratulates Chief Porter and his family on his appointment to Director and welcomes him to the FIRESCOPE organization.



The FIRESCOPE organization says goodbye to another true professional and exceptional fire service leader, Fire Chief Ken Kehmna of Santa Clara County Fire Department. Chief Kehmna has served on the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors representing County Fire Departments North and has made significant contributions during his tenure as both a member and most recently as Vice Chairperson for the group. In August of 2018, Chief Kehmna retired from Santa Clara County Fire after 32-years of distinguished service with the organization. While Chief Kehmna has retired from Santa Clara County Fire, he has not left the fire service. On November 1, 2018, Chief Kehmna was appointed Fire Chief of Redmond Fire and Rescue in Redmond, Oregon. FIRESCOPE would like to thank Chief Kehmna for his service and congratulate him and his family on his new position.

Advisory Message

The information contained in this Briefing is intended to be widely shared among the California Fire Service, its Federal partners, as well as with other affected stakeholders. Agency administrators or responsible representatives should ensure that this material is thoroughly reviewed and communicated within their respective organizations. Any questions should be directed to FIRESCOPE Deputy Chief Jim Johnstone at james.johnstone@caloes.ca.gov or (951) 312-8966.

Fire service professionals and the public are encouraged to follow FIREScope on its social media sites and to visit <http://firescope.caloes.ca.gov> to learn more about the FIREScope organization and to keep apprised of the latest product development, key initiatives, and what's new in the California Fire Service. The QR Code below provides access to documents referenced in the January 2019 Quarterly Briefing.



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