

ICS-162 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

January 22, 2025

TO: FIRESCOPE Board of Directors
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FROM: FIRESCOPE Ops Team, Task Force, and Technical Search and Rescue Subcommittee

SUBJECT: ICS-162 (Technical Search and Rescue OSD) Implementation Plan

REQUESTED ACTION: The FIRESCOPE Technical Search & Rescue Subcommittee, Task Force, and Operations Team, respectively, request the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors (BoD) to review and approve the updated implementation plan for the ICS- 162: Technical Search and Rescue Operating System Description (OSD).

Approval: This document was approved by the Board of Directors on February 5th, 2025.

SUMMARY

The FIRESCOPE BoD approved the ICS-162 (Technical Search & Rescue Incident Operating System Description) at the October 2022 meeting. Since its approval, through the ongoing process of review, minor revisions have been included in the document. Prior to the ICS-162 officially being published, an implementation plan document was developed and published with the “go live” date of July 2023. The implementation plan document details that by July of 2025, the new training and equipment standards in the new ICS-162 will be mandatory and all agencies will be held to that standard. Because the ICS-162 was not published until July of 2024, this Implementation Plan document reflects a timeline that is inaccurate. The Technical Search & Rescue Subcommittee proposes that the document be edited to reflect the actual publish date of the ICS-162 and update the dates to reflect the correct three-year implementation period.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Phase 1: Technical Review and Publishing (October 2022 – June 2024)

Phase 1 includes technical review by the subcommittee and up through the FIRESCOPE organization until approved for publishing. Cal OES to notify regions and OAC’s of the proposed “go-live” publish date.

Phase 2: Go Live (July 2024 – June 2026)

In Phase 2, the document is published to the FIRESCOPE website, and it becomes live in the system. Requirements for TS&R typed resources and personnel will be based on the OSD. Organizations will need to begin planning to make program implementation or adjustment plans based on this document and will be in a two-year ramp up period.

Phase 2 allows organizations to either make mid-year budget requests or to plan for approved budgets in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The ICS-162 will also be separated by chapter and discipline to break up the document. The purpose of this will be to make editing the document much easier as changes come about.

Phase 3: Implementation (July 2026 – June 2027)

Phase 3 sees approved budgets and program adjustments, or implementations, based on the OSD.

Phase 4: Mandatory (July 2027 – Living Document)

Phase 4 sees the requirements in the OSD now being mandatory. Programs shall have MEL equipment caches, and training as outlined in the OSD. Any applicable CICCIS qualifications shall follow the CICCIS qualifications guide and timeline.

TIMELINE

The timeline shown below is a visual representation of the Implementation Plan, reflecting the dates, activities, and outcomes of the implementation plan.

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	Phase 1 Technical Review	Phase 2 Go Live	Phase 3 Organizational Approvals	Phase 4 Program Operational
Activities	List of activities	List of activities	List of activities	List of activities
	Review OSD Text	Publish to FIRESCOPE Website	Organizational planning and budgeting approved	OSD training and equipment standards mandatory
	Review OSD MEL & Update	Document is live and requirements are active		Live document.
	Submit final document ADA Review			
	Submit for review (TF, Ops, BOD)			
	Notify OES Regions and OA's of proposed "go live" date			

	Phase 1 Publishing	Phase 2 Implementation	Phase 3 Planning Implementation	Phase 4 Product
Outcomes	List of outcomes	List of outcomes	List of outcomes	List of outcomes
	OSD text final SME review completed	OSD is available on FIRESCOPE website	Implement and /or adjust operations, training, and logistics based on OSD.	Current OSD is fully implemented
	OSD MEL final SME review and update completed	Organizations base budget, training, and operations on 162		
	OSD clean final draft updated			
	OSD approved for publishing to FIRESCOPE website.			