



FIRESCOPE QUARTERLY BRIEF April 2025



Palisades Fire – Los Angeles, CA– January 7, 2025

Photo Credit: Jae C. Hong/AP

DEPARTING ACCOLADES



Jeanine Nicholson

San Francisco Fire Department

2-year Member of FIRESCOPE Board
of Directors



Christopher Landry

El Dorado Hills Fire Department

1-year Member of FIRESCOPE Task
Force

FIRESCOPE would like to thank Fire Chief Jeanine Nicholson and Battalion Chief Christopher Landry for their leadership, commitment, and contributions to the fire service in California! Their selfless dedication embodies the spirit and mission of FIRESCOPE.

DEPARTING ACCOLADES



FIRESCOPE Safety Subcommittee Members



Retirees
Lucas Spelman: 4-year member
Jon Garber: 7-year member
Bucky Tucker: 3-year member

Board Members in Action



**FIROSCOPE BoD
Member Chief
Marrone (LAC) with
Captain Sheila
Kelliher Berkoh
(LAC) announcing
the Album of the
Year Award at the
Grammy's.**



Board Members in Action



FIREScope's Board Director Daniel Berlant attended the annual California Fire Prevention Institute (CFPI) and the California Fire Prevention Officers Association annual business meeting.

Ops Team Members in Action



FIRESCOPE Ops member Deputy Chief Jason Hing (LFD) escorting First Lady Melania Trump and President Donald Trump through the Palisades Fire

Task Force Members in Action



Task Force member, Chief Robert Rezende (SND) in support of the EPA recovery mission on the Battery Task Force at the Palisades and Eaton Fires.



LA City's OES HM12 removing a battery from a hybrid vehicle

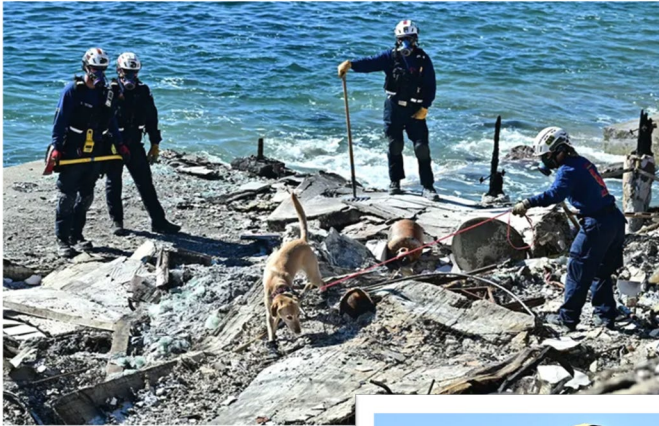


First time a battery shredder was deployed to process batteries in the field



FIREScope Hazmat Subcommittee member Robert Dunivin (LFD) with EPA OSC, EPA Contractors, and CalOES HM12 at a safety briefing

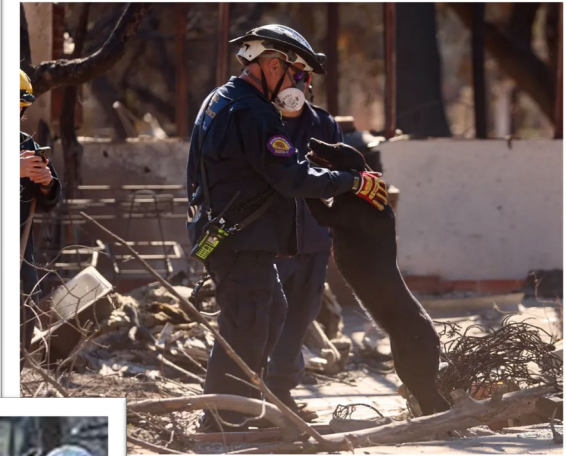
US&R/RTF Deployment to LA Fires



**FEMA US&R CATF3
(Menlo Park)**



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(Menlo Park)**



Ventura County RTF



**FEMA US&R CATF4
(Oakland)**



**FEMA US&R CATF8
(San Diego)**



FEMA



MUTUAL-AID IN ACTION

OES Preposition

- Fiscal Year 2024/25:
 - There have been **209 preposition** events approved: **140 for critical fire weather**, **68 for mud and debris flow** and **1 for Civil Unrest**.
 - **80 moderate**, **102 severe**, **26 extreme**, and **1 Potential Threat to Lives & Improved Property**
 - The most requested preposition resource and most frequent user:
 - **Region I** has been approved for **56 prepositions**. **IMT members** have been approved **535 times**. **LG Engines** have been approved **822 times**.

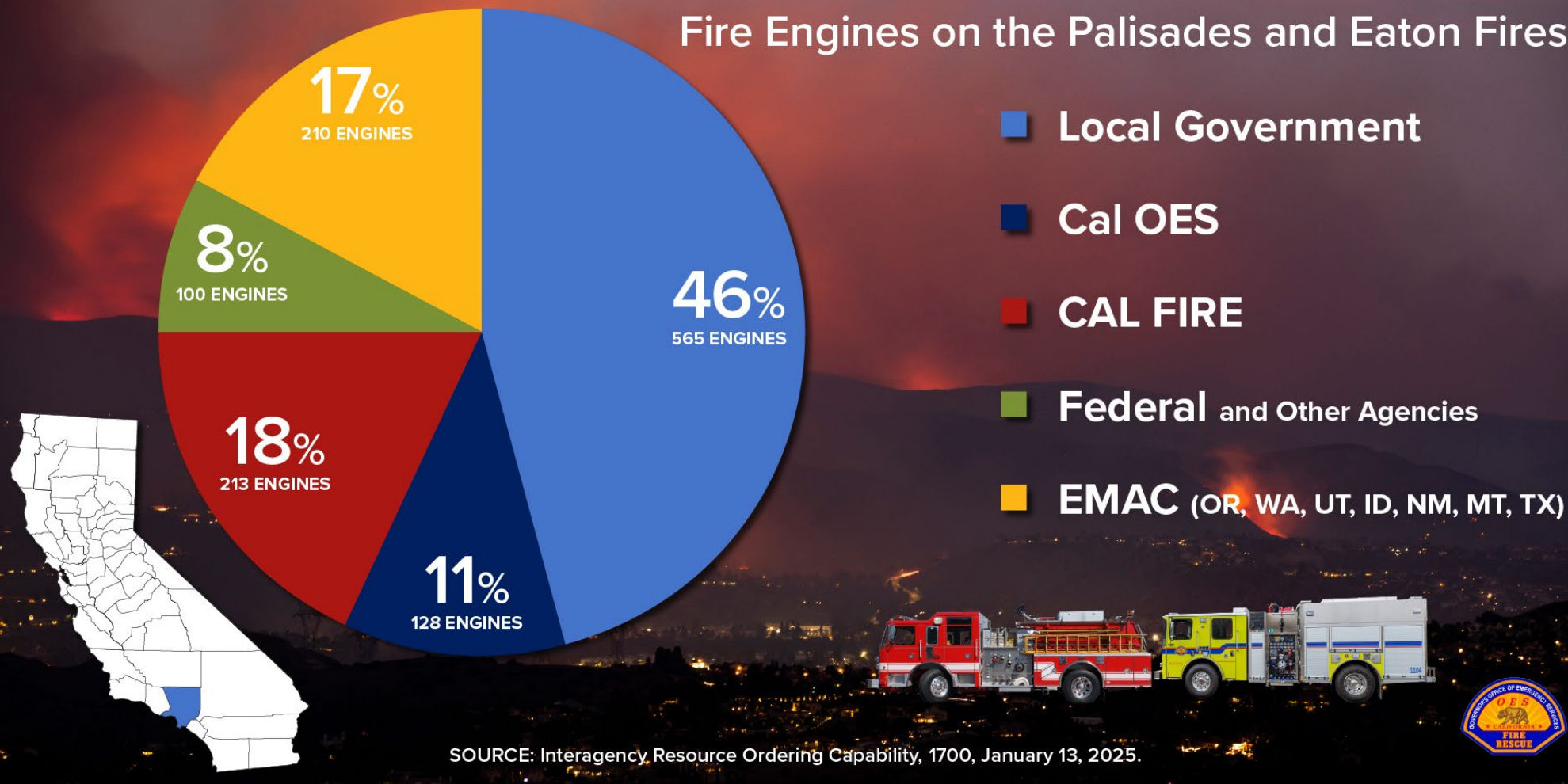


FY 24/25 OES Prepositions		
Wildland/Wind OES Prepositions	140	\$52,157,060.45
Mud & Debris OES Prepositions	68	\$21,544,221.95
Civil Unrest OES Prepositions	1	\$104,844.56
FY 24/25 OES Prepositions	209	\$73,806,126.96



California's Mutual Aid System At Work

Fire Engines on the Palisades and Eaton Fires



PALISADES FIRE

Photo Credit: Nahel Belgh

INCIDENT

- 12 Deaths
- Reported Start – 1/7/25 at 10:30 a.m.
- 23,707 Acres Burned
- 6,837 Structures Destroyed

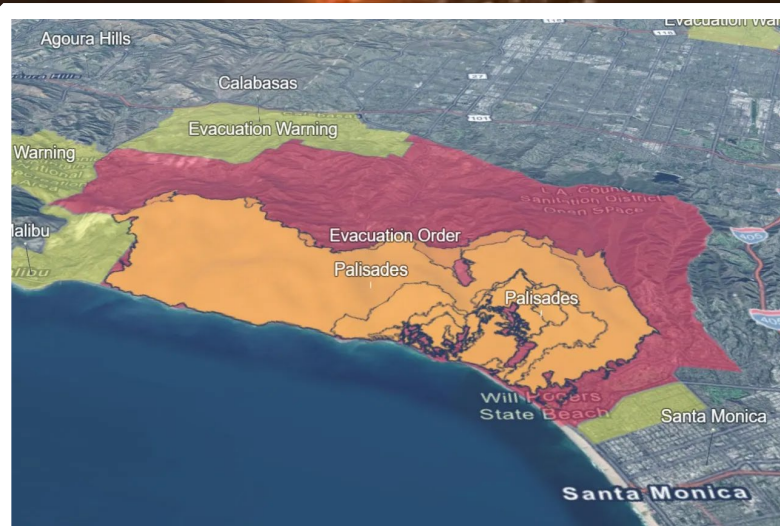


Photo Credit: Mindy Schauer

EATON FIRE



INCIDENT

- 17 Deaths
- Reported Start – 1/7/25 at 6:18 p.m.
- 14,021 Acres Burned
- 9,418 Structures Destroyed



Photo Credit: ABC7 News



Photo Credit: Sarah Reingewitz

MOSS LANDING BESS FIRE

INCIDENT

- January 16, 2025: Fire broke out at Moss Landing Energy Storage Facility in California, a major lithium-ion battery plant owned by Vistra Energy.
- Started in the 300-megawatt Phase I building, producing large flames and smoke.
- Evacuated 1,200–1,500 residents; Highway 1 closed; fire left to burn out due to lithium-ion battery risks.
- Subsided by January 17, with multiple subsequent flare ups including one reported on February 18.
- EPA found no immediate air quality threats; soil tests showed heavy metals near site.
- Fourth incident at facility since 2019; Monterey County declared a state of emergency on January 22.
- AB 303 introduced to improve safety regulations.
- Cause under investigation; recovery efforts began in late February.



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FIRESCOPE TECHNICAL SEARCH AND RESCUE SUBCOMMITTEE

Please use this feedback form to identify discrepancies and/or to propose revisions to components of the ICS -162 series documents.

[FIRESCOPE ICS-162 TS&R OSD
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NEWLY APPROVED DOCUMENTS AND UPDATES



[LG Handcrew
Fiscal Impact
White Paper](#)



[MACS 410-2
MACS Resource Designation
System White Paper](#)



[MACS 410-2
REVISION](#)



[MACS 410-5
BOD Member
Orientation](#)



[MACS 410-6
Ops Team Member
Orientation](#)



[MACS 410-7
Task Force Member
Orientation](#)



[MACS 410-8
Specialist Group
Member Orientation](#)



[MACS 410-9
Subcommittee
Member Orientation](#)

NEWLY APPROVED DOCUMENTS AND UPDATES



[ICS 1220 REMS Crew
Member Job Aid](#)



[ICS 912 Response to
Civil Unrest Guidelines
REVISION](#)



[CRR/Fire Prevention
Subcommittee
White Paper](#)



FMAG Resource Information



Eaton Fire



Palisades Fire



[FEMA FMAG Webpage](#)



[Cal OES FMAG Webpage](#)

FIELD OPERATIONS GUIDE (FOG) – ICS 420-1 APPLICATION



Very few hard copies left! Purchase here:

Providing crucial information to first responders since 1983, FIRESCOPE is proud to present the interactive Field Operations Guide ICS 420-1.

Easily access valuable information such as Wildland Fire Management Guiding Principles, Tactical Engagement, Levels of Engagement, Powerline Safety, and a Structure Assessment Checklist.

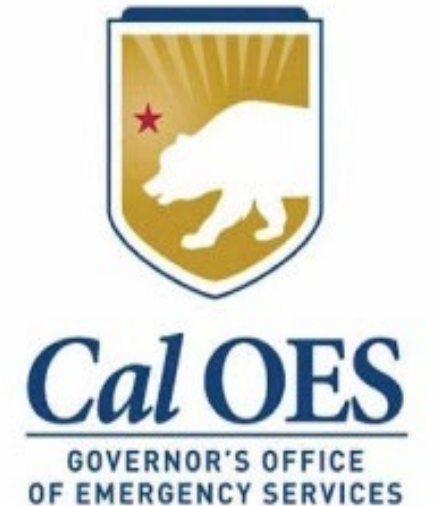
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The 2022 FOG is available as a free download on the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play App Store](#). View the [2022 FOG App privacy policy here](#).

Android



Apple iOS



Fire Asset Status Tracker (FAST)



FAST was developed and will be implemented as a modern, mobile application to optimize the California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System resource order filling and mobilization processes. The application will allow local fire agencies to provide real-time resource status updates while streamlining communication, improving coordination, and easing decision-making across the fire service to expedite all-hazard resources assignments and minimize losses to life and property.

FAST proactive Impacts to the California Fire Service:

Provide a primarily mobile application

- Simplify the user experience
- Allow real-time status updates

Track statewide all-hazard fire resources

- Cal OES Fire & Rescue Assignments
- Local Government Apparatus and Overhead
- Track Resource Statuses

Rapidly onboard agencies via Mutual Aid Reimbursement (MARS)

- Primary and Secondary User Access

Provide intel with robust data collection

- Inventory Tracker survey
- Fleet Management & Out of Service process
- Real-time dashboards and MACS 405 reports

Enable integration capabilities

- Slack
- Esri / ArcGIS



[FAST Link](#)

FAST Project Status and Rollout:

- Completed Final UAT feedback with Program Team on February 1, 2024.
- Finished development and deployed to production on February 5, 2024.
- Presented Production Release Overview and Demo on February 15, 2024.
- Present to Cal OES Fire and Rescue Chiefs on February 28, 2024.
- Enable production environment access to Cal OES in March 2024
- Rollout to the California Fire Service through an enhanced training plan.

YOU ARE INVITED

Join us for an in person valuable training session on the Cooperative Agreement for Local Government Fire and Emergency Assistance to the State of California and Federal Fire Agencies also known as the "California Fire Assistance Agreement"

provided by:

California Fire Assistance Agreement Committee

Who and why should you attend?

After several years, the California Fire Assistance Agreement Committee (CFAA) will be hosting an in-depth training session focused on the highly utilized terms and conditions of the CFAA. With the growing complexity of modern fire and emergency incidents, this session is crucial for Chief Officers and department officials who oversee their departments' out-of-county mutual aid responses related to the terms and conditions of the CFAA, and who ensures financial compliance with the CFAA. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the CFAA and best practices to ensure a more efficient, systematic response, and reimbursement process. This is an essential opportunity to enhance your department's ability to navigate the intricacies of the CFAA requirements effectively.

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Mather

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Morgan Hill

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Arcadia

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Redding

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Fresno

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

San Diego

Friday, May 9, 2025

Santa Rosa

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Pismo Beach

Thursday, June 5, 2025

Riverside

[Click Here](#) to register and stay informed on upcoming trainings.

Please contact Cal OES Fire & Rescue at (916) 845-8711 with any questions.



Cal OES
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



Sign up to register



April 2025

FIRESCOPE / GACC MAC Group Exercise - May 14, 2025

Santa Clara County Fire Headquarters – Campbell, CA

Northern California

Santa Clara County Fire

1315 Dell Ave, Campbell, CA 95008

This exercise is a great opportunity for participants to experience the value in completing high quality ICS 209's and understanding mutual aid resources allocation.

Click [LINK](#) or use QR Code to register



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FIRESCOPE RECRUITMENT

FIRESCOPE is always looking for subject matter experts to participate in the FIRESCOPE Subcommittees.



DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

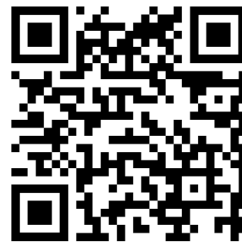
A full description of the duties and responsibilities of Subcommittee members can be found on the FIRESCOPE website under the MACS 410-9 Document, [or by clicking here.](#)

INTEREST FORM

This [FORM](#) is designed to capture members that are interested in filling available FIRESCOPE Subcommittee positions.



MACS 410-9



WHAT IS FIRESCOPE?



INTEREST FORM



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of FIRESCOPE is to provide recommendations and technical guidance to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) on matters involving mutual aid; to maintain the FIRESCOPE decision process; and to continue the operation, development, and maintenance of the FIRESCOPE Incident Command System (ICS) and the Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS)

FIRESCOPE VISION STATEMENT

The FIRESCOPE vision is to continue national leadership in the development of all-hazard incident and multi-agency coordination systems, to enhance and encourage full participation by the California fire service in the statewide Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System, and to provide a common voice for the California fire service relating to these issues.

FIRESCOPE ADVISORY MESSAGE



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The Quarterly Brief is intended to be widely shared among the California fire service, its federal partners, and affected stakeholders.

Agency Administrators, or responsible representatives, should ensure that this material is thoroughly reviewed and communicated within their respective organizations.

VISIT THE FIRESCOPE WEBSITE:
<https://firescope.caloes.ca.gov>

