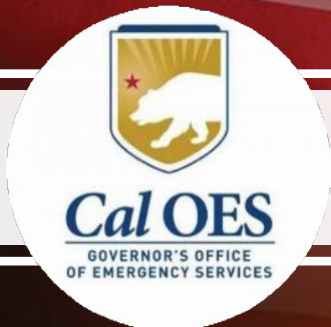


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25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Library Remembers: A Collection of Nearly 500 Oral Histories

FIRESCOPE QUARTERLY BRIEF **October 2026**



Board Members in Action

25th Anniversary 9/11 Tribute



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Departing Accolades



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CAL FIRE
FIRESCOPE Board of Directors

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David Brinsfield
U.S. Wildland Fire Service
Representative for FIRESCOPE
Operations Team



Bob Counts
CAL FIRE
Representative for FIRESCOPE
Operations Team



Jerrod Vanlandingham
Redding Fire Department
Representative for FIRESCOPE
Operations Team

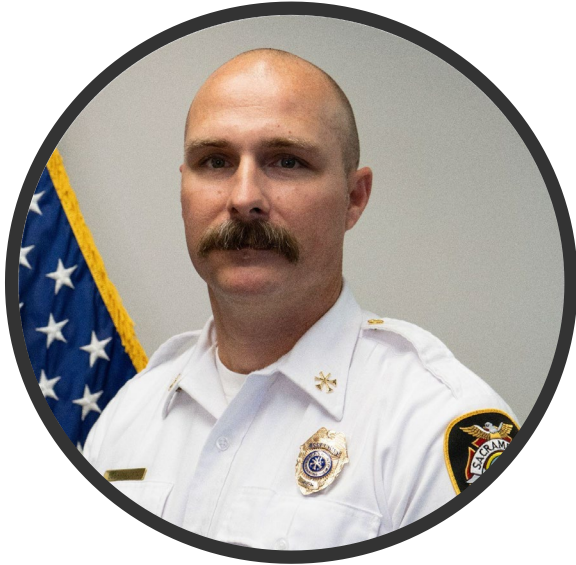


Scott Lewis
Sacramento Metro Fire
Department
Representative for FIRESCOPE Task
Force

FIRESCOPE would like to thank Chief Brinsfield, Chief Counts, Chief Vanlandingham, and Chief Lewis for their leadership, commitment, and contributions to the fire service in California! Their selfless dedication embodies the spirit and mission of FIRESCOPE.

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New Members



Josh Calista
Sacramento Metro Fire Dept.
Representative for FIRESCOPE Task
Force



Mike Summers
OCFA
Representative for FIRESCOPE
Operations Team



Chris Sotro
OCFA
Representative for FIRESCOPE
Task Force



Emily Smith
CAL FIRE
Representative for FIRESCOPE
Operations Team

FIRESCOPE would like to welcome Chief Calista, Summers, Sotro and Smith as new members to FIRESCOPE.

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Board Members in Action



2026 World Fire Congress
London, England September
7-9

LACoFD Chief Marrone &
Dr. Urwin

FIFA World Cup



Los Angeles County hosted eight World Cup matches at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood between June 12 and July 10, 2026: five group stage matches (USA vs. Paraguay on June 12, Iran vs. New Zealand on June 15, Switzerland vs. Bosnia and Herzegovina on June 18, Belgium vs. Iran on June 21, and Turkey vs. USA on June 25), two Round of 32 matches (South Africa vs. Canada on June 28 and Spain vs. Austria on July 2), and the Spain vs. Belgium quarterfinal on July 10. The Los Angeles County Fire Department deployed medical, fire, lifeguard, and homeland security teams inside the stadium and throughout Inglewood, staffed the Joint Information Center, and managed various local watch parties.

Functional groups included Pyrotechnics, ALS Bike Teams, On-field medical response, the Joint Hazard Assessment Team (JHAT), and a strike team moved into the area, with the Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) coordinating responses in the stadium and on the property. Homeland Security managed counter-drone operations. The games averaged 65,000 to 70,000 attendees and generated 18-30 calls for service per event.

Significant Commercial Fire Incidents



Response: LAFD worked with HazMat teams, EPA, County Health; aerial water drops used; Extensive overhaul and monitoring.



Tracy Warehouse Fire (Medline Storage Facility)

Date: June 11, 2026 [mdm.com]

Location: Medline Industries Distribution Center, Tracy, California

Details: Fire originated on the roof and rapidly spread through a 1-million-sq-ft medical-surgical warehouse. [kcra.com], [mdm.com] The building's private fire-water system failed, with nonfunctioning sprinklers and hydrants, contributing to extreme fire growth.

Response: Multi-agency firefighting effort with mutual aid resources and air-quality monitoring. Over 8 million gallons of water used across several days to extinguish flare-ups and hotspots. **OCTOBER 2026**

Out of State Mobilization



State, Federal and Local Government personnel supporting out of California Wildland Firefighting Efforts



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Venezuela Earthquake Activation



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Historical Recognition for Technical Search & Rescue Recognition



REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:

[RTF Historical Recognition Period](#)

[TSR CICCS Historical Recognition Letter](#)

[TSR CICCS Historical Recognition Certification
Equivalency](#)

[USR CICCS Historical Recognition Guide](#)

[CICCS Agency Form Letter Example](#)



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Cancer & Behavioral Health Information



Firefighter Cancer Screening

Why is this important? Firefighters face elevated cancer risk. Early detection through routine cancer screening reduces the likelihood that a firefighter will die from cancer. We asked the question, "What proportion of firefighters are getting screened for cancer, and what differentiates firefighters who get screened from those who do not"? The results will help develop strategies to improve cancer screening for all firefighters.



Methods: We surveyed 3,076 active-duty firefighters about their cancer screening behaviors, in addition to other behavioral, occupational, and personal factors.

Key Takeaways

- Younger firefighters, those who had not recently engaged in routine healthcare, and those who did not have a family history of cancer were less likely to be screened for colorectal, breast, cervical, prostate, skin, and lung cancers.
- Firefighters who felt that they were more susceptible to cancer were more likely to be screened.
- Most (82%) of firefighters were not aware of national (USPSTF) or firefighter-specific (NFFA) recommendations for cancer screening. Firefighters who were aware of recommendations were more likely to get screened.
- Firefighters who worked longer as firefighters and those who had higher rank were more likely to be screened.

	Colorectal	54% of firefighters were screened according to NFPA guidelines
	Prostate	59% of male firefighters were screened according to NFPA guidelines
	Skin	29% of firefighters were screened according to NFPA guidelines
	Lung	10% of firefighters ever had a low dose CT scan
	Breast	76% of female firefighters were screened according to NFPA guidelines
	Cervical	75% of female firefighters were screened according to NFPA guidelines

Recommendations to improve cancer screening for firefighters:

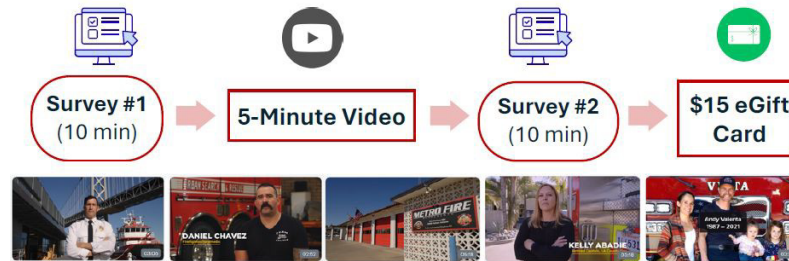
- 1) Make it clear and easy for every firefighter to know which screenings they need and when, based on the latest scientific evidence.
- 2) Give firefighters access to providers they can talk to about their family cancer history and who can get them referred and scheduled for the right screenings.
- 3) Address the doubts and fears that hold firefighters back from getting screened, such as "It won't happen to me" or "There's not much you can do to lower your chances of getting cancer"

BRAVE

Behavior & Risk Awareness through Video Education for Firefighters



What is this Study About?



- Purpose: to **evaluate** the impact of short documentary-style videos designed to **educate** and **inspire** firefighters to take **safety measures** to reduce cancer risk and mortality.
- Participation is **voluntary**, and all data gathered are **confidential**.
- Participation includes responding to a **questionnaire before and after** watching a 5-minute **video**.
- Participants who complete the study will receive a **\$15 eGift card** from participating retailers (gas, dining, and more!).

Am I Eligible?

Yes! All active-duty firefighters in California can enroll

Enroll Now!



Questions?
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<https://redcap.link/CAFF-CRS-BRAVE>

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Online Learning



Click Link below to participate in self study training program

[WUI Structure Triage Training | Wildland Urban Interface Course](#)

Structure Triage Considerations for Wildland Urban Interface Firefighting

Explore the ignition pathways and flame spread mechanisms in the built environment, examining vulnerabilities at both the individual structure and community levels to guide considerations for structure triage during Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) fire incidents.

🕒 Last Updated: Sep 23, 2025

🕒 Length: 140 mins

🏆 Includes Certificate of Completion

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FIRESCOPE
HEAVY EQUIPMENT
ALL-HAZARD TASKFORCE
(HEAT) AD HOC

The **FIRESCOPE** Heavy Equipment All-Hazard Taskforce (**HEAT**) Ad Hoc Subcommittee is conducting a survey to better understand how fire agencies across California utilize heavy equipment in their operations.



The information gathered will help identify current capabilities, resource gaps, and best practices.



This effort may support the development of a standardized, orderable heavy equipment taskforce that can be deployed through the ICS system for all-hazard incidents.



Your input is valuable in helping shape a resource that enhances response effectiveness and interoperability statewide.

**PLEASE CLICK THE LINK
BELOW TO START THE SURVEY.**



[FIRESCOPE Heavy Equipment All-Hazards Task Force \(HEAT\) Survey – Fill out form](#)



NEWLY APPROVED DOCUMENTS AND UPDATES

[MACS 400-2](#)

[Documents and Forms Description](#)



[MACS 410-9](#)

[FIREScope Subcommittee Member Orientation](#)



[ICS 174](#)

[FIREScope CAD-to-CAD Typing System OSD](#)



NEWLY APPROVED DOCUMENTS AND UPDATES

[Operations Bulletin #45](#)

[Expedited Resource Response \(ERR\) Policy](#)



[Operations Bulletin #46](#)

[Federal Fire Agencies Requesting Closest Local Government Helicopter\(s\), Ordering Process – PILOT PROGRAM](#)



IROC / IQS integration

- Continued progress is being made transitioning departments into IQS
- Starting departments needing to switch: 396
- Departments switched over: 221
- Current departments needing to switch: 175
- Starting # of personnel needing to switch: 8698
- Personnel switched over: 5125
- Current # of personnel needing to switch: 3466
- We now have 22,570 individuals from California with qualifications in IQS



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.

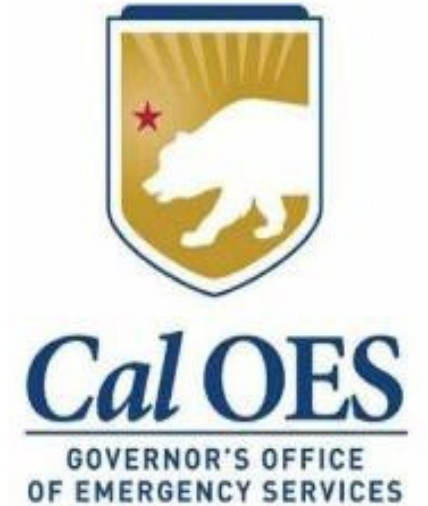
Download the Free App

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 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.
- Presented to Cal OES Fire and Rescue Chiefs on February 28, 2024.
- Enabled production environment access to Cal OES in March 2024
- Rolled out to the California Fire Service through an enhanced training plan.



[FAST Link](#)

FIRESCOPE RECRUITMENT

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



DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

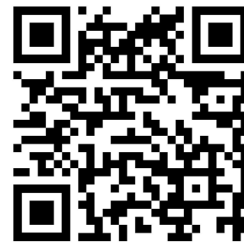
A full description of the duties and responsibilities of Subcommittee members can be found on the FIRESCOPE website under the MACS 410-9 Document, [or by clicking here.](#)

INTEREST FORM

This form is designed to capture members that are interested in filling available FIRESCOPE Subcommittee positions.



[MACS 410-9](#)



[WHAT IS FIRESCOPE?](#)



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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.

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<https://firescope.caloes.ca.gov>