



FIRESCOPE QUARTERLY BRIEF JULY 2026



GARDEN GROVE CHEMICAL INCIDENT

Photo Credit: REUTERS

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS



Welcome!



Chief Darrell Roberts,
California Professional
Firefighters (CPF) President
Now serving on the
FIRESCOPE Board of Directors



Chief Peter Kelly, US Wildfire
Service
Now serving on the
FIRESCOPE Board of Directors

Departing Accolades



Thank you to the Department of Interior
Chiefs:
Nate Gogna, John Goss, and Jebediah
Koons (Left to Right)

FIRESCOPE would like to thank all Department of Interior Chiefs that have served on the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors. We look forward to continue working with Chief Peter Kelly as the USWFS Board of Directors Representative.

Departing Accolades



Jason Ghorbani
Los Angeles County Fire Dept.
Assistant Chief
Structure Fire Subcommittee Chair



Bryan Duffy
Tulare County Fire Department
Task Force
Representing Counties South

FIRESCOPE would like to thank Chief Ghorbani and Chief Duffy, 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



Tyson Lewis

Tulare County Fire Department
19 years in the fire service now
Task Force representative to
Counties South



Ryan Tripp

Los Angeles County Fire
Representative for FIRESCOPE
Structure Fire Subcommittee

FIRESCOPE would like to welcome Chief Lewis and Captain Tripp to FIRESCOPE.

Board Members in Action



Fire Chief Anthony Marrone (LAC)
at the Federation of European
Union (FEU) Fire Officers
Leadership Conference in
Hannover, Germany.
“Wildfire Initiated Urban
Conflagration”



Task Force Members in Action



Deputy Chief Rob Rezende, FIRESCOPE Task Force with members of San Diego Fire-Rescue OES and San Diego County OES were invited to observe operational readiness training aboard the USS Teddy Roosevelt in the Pacific Ocean.

Experienced firefighting operations training including ARFF, Confined Space, and other shipboard fire operations. Thank you to the U.S. Navy!



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Subcommittee Members in Action



The Wildland Subcommittee members actively engaged with Dr. Mike Wilson Senior Safety Engineer Research and Standards Cal/OSHA, collaborating on wildland respiratory standards



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Historical Recognition for Technical Search & Rescue Recognition



[TS&R CICCS Historical Recognition Letter](#)

[TS&R CICCS Historical Recognition Certification Equivalency](#)



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Garden Grove Hazmat Incident Review



INCIDENT

- A hazardous materials incident occurred on May 21, 2026, at the GKN Aerospace facility in Garden Grove when an overheated 34,000-gallon MMA tank began off-gassing, creating the risk of a major spill or BLEVE.
- OCFA established an Incident Command Post and implemented a Unified Command structure, integrating fire, law enforcement, public health, Cal OES, EPA, and city emergency management under NIMS/ICS principles.
- Extensive mutual aid was activated, including regional hazmat teams, fire agencies for suppression and cooling, law enforcement for large-scale evacuations, and Red Cross and local governments for sheltering and mass-care operations.
- Unified Command coordinated evacuation of approximately 50,000 residents, road closures, public information messaging, and sustained mitigation operations until tank pressure stabilized, and environmental monitoring confirmed reduced hazard.
- By May 26, Unified Command declared the site stable, lifted all evacuation orders, initiated demobilization of mutual aid resources, and transitioned to investigation and recovery with no reported injuries.



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

📍 Wildland/WUI

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Supported by FIRESCOPE Wildland Sub-Committee

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE. YOUR INPUT. REAL IMPACT.



WILDFIRE



SEVERE WEATHER



FLOOD



EARTHQUAKE



HAZMAT

ONE MISSION. ALL HAZARDS. STRONGER TOGETHER.



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](#)



WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT THIS SURVEY
BE RETURNED BY **08/31/2026**



Behavioral Health Subcommittee Creates New Positions for CICCIS



CISL – Critical Incident Stress Lead

CSIM – Peer Support Member

CICL – Critical Incident Stress Clinician

CISC – Critical Incident Stress Chaplain

CISK – Critical Incident Stress K-9 Team

[Check ICS-180 for additional Information](#)



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Recruiting for the New **FIRESCOPE Energy Subcommittee**



Join us in addressing the complex intersection of modern energy systems and emergency response

Why Join the Energy Subcommittee?

- Tackle emerging hazards from electric vehicles, battery storage, hydrogen systems, renewables, and more. Improve multi-agency for grid resilience and energy emergencies.
- Develop best practices for first responders facing complex energy incidents.

Contact Robert Rezende, rrezende@sandiego.gov to join



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NEWLY APPROVED DOCUMENTS AND UPDATES



[MACS 410-4](#)
[FIRESCOPE Articles of Organization and Procedures](#)



[MACS 410-5](#)
[FIRESCOPE Board of Directors' Orientation](#)



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



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



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



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



[ICS 162-2](#)
[FIRESCOPE Tower Rescue OSD](#)



[ICS 162-3 FIRESCOPE](#)
[Animal Technical Rescue OSD](#)

NEWLY APPROVED DOCUMENTS AND UPDATES



[ICS 180](#)
[FIREScope Critical](#)
[Incident Peer Support](#)
[Team OSD](#)



[ICS 911](#)
[FIREScope Protective](#)
[Action Guidelines](#)



[Dedicated Server](#)
[and FOG Update](#)
[Position Paper](#)

IROC / IQS Integration

The California Fire Chiefs Association hosted an IQS webinar on February 18, with over 250 participants. The link to the webinar and quick start guide can be found on the Cal Chiefs website.

We continue to integrate several departments into IQS, with 2700 records moved to IQS and 72 departments complete. We have 7015 records to complete. We have 127 departments in process, so more than half the departments have begun or completed the process.



Sandy Fire Info

Start Date: 5/18/2026

100% date 5/27/2026

2,183 Acres

Resources:

106 Engines

23 Hand crews

8 dozers

2 water tenders

1156 personnel

General Interest:

Fire.ca.gov viewers to the Sandy Fire

Sandy Fire Total Views:

**Line 2 - Sandy Fire and Line 7 -
Sandy Fire update reports
combined**

1.123 million views

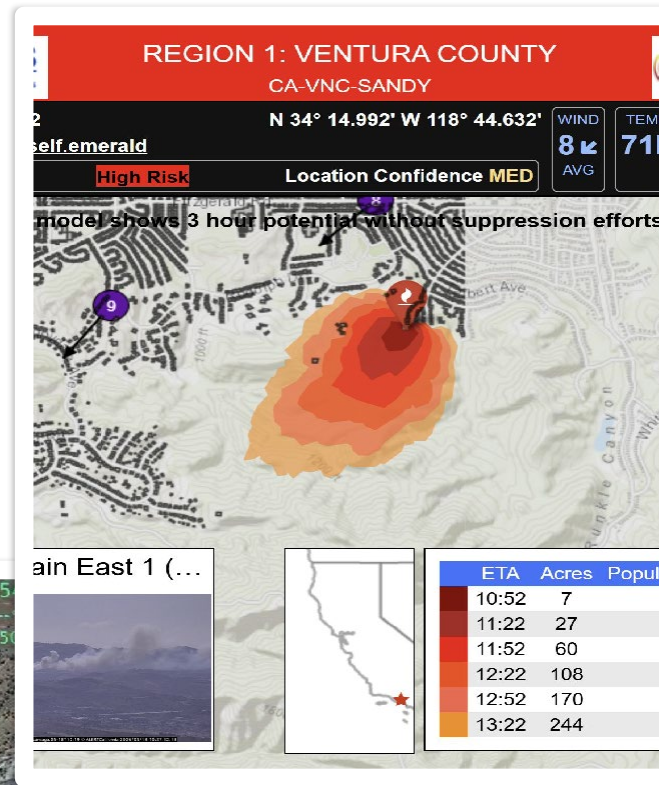
806k viewer sessions

343k viewers

477k engaged sessions

Media interest:

TV news reach - Generated an
estimated audience reach of
approximately 560 million viewers
measured by TvEyes.



FMAG Resource Information



[FEMA FMAG Webpage](#)



[Cal OES FMAG Webpage](#)

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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.

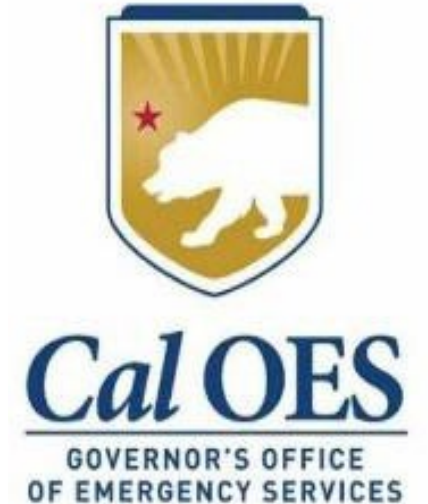
Download the Free App

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

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

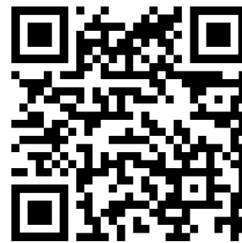
A full description of the duties and responsibilities of Subcommittee members can be found on the FIRESCOPE website under the MACS 410-9 Document, [or by clicking here.](#)

INTEREST FORM

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



[MACS 410-9](#)



[WHAT IS FIRESCOPE?](#)



[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>

