



# FIREScope

## QUARTERLY BRIEFING

### **Board of Directors**

- Daryl Osby
- Brian Fennessy
- Brian Marshall
- Thom Porter
- Dave Witt
- Ralph Terrazas
- Mark Hartwig
- Bob Baird
- Mark Lorenzen
- Scott Lucas
- Tony Bowden
- Colin Stowell
- Richard Webb
- Robin Wills
- Mike Richwine
- Jeffrey Gilbert
- Brian Rice
- Mike Shrout

### **Mission Statement**

*“The mission of the FIREScope Board of Directors is to provide recommendations and technical assistance to the Office of Emergency Services (OES); to maintain the FIREScope Decision Process and continue the operation, development, and maintenance of the FIREScope Incident Command System (ICS) and the Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS).”*



Our FIREScope U.S Federal partners have answered the call to assist Australia with the current fire siege that country is battling. We thank them for their service!

### **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 new directives at their January 9th, 2020 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.



# FIRESCOPE

## QUARTERLY BRIEFING

### Approved Documents

#### **FIRESCOPE Strategic Plan**

The FIRESCOPE Strategic Plan will serve as a living document that outlines both the short and long-range goals of FIRESCOPE. This document will be incorporated into the FIRESCOPE Plan of Work. The plan identifies goals and objectives from the current Plan of Work as well as recommendations from the 2008 Blue Ribbon Commission Report ([FIRESCOPE Strategic Plan](#) )

#### **ICS 420-1.3 Managing Large Scale Incidents - Area Command**

This revised document combines the ICS 240 and previous ICS 420-1.3 into one document. The document now addresses the use of Area Command and best practices of how an incident utilizing Area Command will interface with the MACS activation process. ([ICS 420-1.3](#))

#### **MACS 410-4 FIRESCOPE - Articles of Organization and Procedures**

The MACS 410-4 has been modified to require specialist groups to hold elections at the end of each year, submit their respective plans of work, rosters, and new member biographies on December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year instead of April. This change will allow approval of the groups' documents to occur at the beginning of each calendar year. ([MACS-410-4](#))

### **Prepositioning Resources – Mud and Debris Flow Incidents**

After the devastating mud and debris flow in Santa Barbara County in January of 2018 and several subsequent threats, Cal OES assembled a working group to refine the mud and debris flow section of the Pre-Incident Preparedness Guideline. Members of the working group were comprised of agencies throughout the state. The Mud and Debris Flow Working Group coordinated with technical specialists including the National Weather Service and the United States Geological Survey to update the existing documents and provide objective criteria to assist in pre-positioning resources ahead of potential incidents. Updates to the Pre-Incident Guidelines include a new Mud and Debris Flow Scoresheet, new Mud and Debris Resource Request Form and web-links specific for Mud and Debris Flow. The new guidelines were put in place to assist agencies to evaluate and request pre-positioned resources in an efficient, user friendly format.





# FIREScope

## QUARTERLY BRIEFING



FIREScope Members toured the California National Guard's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) hangar and Command Center at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside CA. The MQ9 UAV Program is now a critical tool used by the California Fire Service to provide real time aerial video data to Incident Commanders and Agency Administrators.



On behalf of the FIREScope Board of Directors and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Fire and Rescue Division, we take great pride in extending our appreciation to Chief Rich Webb. Chief Webb is retiring after being in the Fire Service for 39 years with the Linda Fire Protection District and on the FIREScope Board of Directors for the past 12 years. We thank you for all of your contributions and dedication. Enjoy your retirement Chief.



# FIRESCOPE

## QUARTERLY BRIEFING

### Advisory Message

The information contained in this Quarterly 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. Questions may be directed to FIRESCOPE Deputy Chief Jim Johnstone at [james.johnstone@caloes.ca.gov](mailto: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 visit the FIRESCOPE website at <http://firescope.caloes.ca.gov> to learn more about the FIRESCOPE organization and to keep apprised of the latest product development, and key initiatives.

### VISION STATEMENT

The FIRESCOPE Board of Directors/OES Fire and Rescue Services Advisory Committee vision is to continue national leadership in the development of all-hazard management 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.