



# FIRESCOPE

## QUARTERLY BRIEFING

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### 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).”*

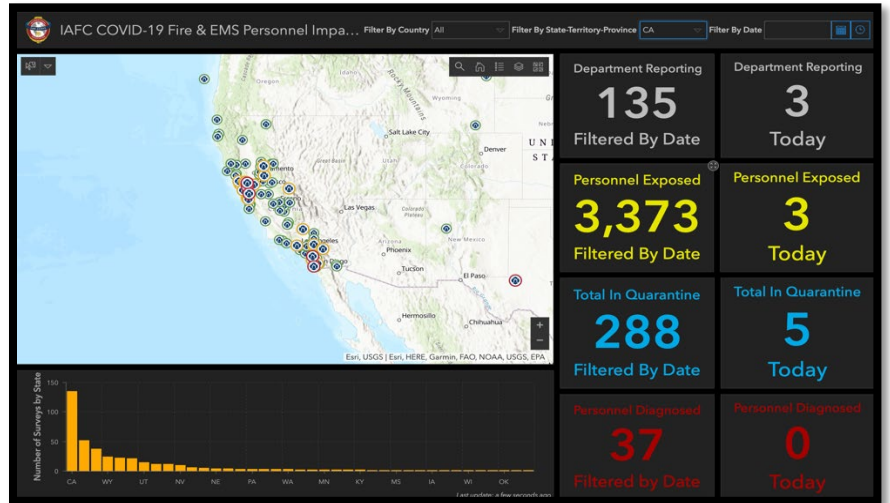


Figure 1 Photo Credit: IAFC Arc GIS Dashboard for CA EMS and First Responders as of March 25, 2020

### COVID-19

FIRESCOPE and the entire California fire service is facing the impacts that COVID-19 is having on our agencies, our members, our families, our communities, and the public health care system. During this event, the fire service has pulled together shared information and resources, and offers the following links for information related to COVID-19.

The following FIRESCOPE and other National Products are available to assist agencies in managing the COVID-19 Event.

[FIRESCOPE Information Bulletin](#)

[IAFC First Responder Status Map](#)

[NWCG Infectious Disease Guidance](#)



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### Second Annual Fire Operations Technology Summit



FIRESCOPE Co-Presented on January 22 and 23, 2020 at the two-day Fire Operations Technology Summit with the Cal Chiefs Operations Group, hosted by ESRI in Redlands California. It was a sold-out event displaying the strong cooperative effort between California's Fire Service and the IT Industry.

### 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 April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 conference call 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.



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### Approved Documents

#### **FIRESCOPE Behavioral Health Working Group White Paper**

The following white paper defines the roles and responsibilities for a Critical Incident Peer Support Team. This paper also recommends the formation of a new FIRESCOPE Behavioral Health Specialist Group. These peer support teams consist of trained firefighters, mental health professionals, chaplains, and canines. In recent years, federal, state, and local fire agencies have deployed peer support teams on critical events with success. Agencies have identified the need for a clearly defined process of baseline ordering, qualifications, and a clearly defined organizational structure for a team. The recommendations and findings outlined in this paper are the product of multi-agency coordination, communication, and collaboration. [FIRESCOPE BHWG White Paper](#)

#### **FIRESCOPE Critical Incident Peer Support (CIPS) and OSD**

The Critical Incident Peer Support Team (CIPS) is a team of highly respected, trusted, and qualified personnel assigned to a significant All-Hazard incident to support the mental health and welfare of the first responders engaged on an incident. This team is ordered by the Incident Commander (IC) or Incident Management Team (IMT) and reports directly the Liaison Officer or the Incident Commander at the IC's discretion. Team members are assembled at the time of request and shall be composed of qualified personnel to match the type of critical incident. A CIPS team consists of a Critical Incident Stress Lead (CISL), Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) members, and Critical Incident Clinician (CICL). The CISL will assess the need for and reporting time necessary for the CICL and may or may not have Critical Incident Stress Chaplain(s) (CISC) or Critical Incident Stress K9(s) (CISK) as part of the team. [FIRESCOPE CIPS and OSD](#)

#### **MACS 410-2 Resource Designation System**

The MACS 410-2 document has been updated to reflect the current practices of resource identification used throughout California. [MACS 410-2 Resource Designation System](#)

#### **MACS 441-1 FIRESCOPE Radio Communications Guidelines.**

The MACS 441-1 is published in April each year. It lists updates in frequencies and this year as Category 1 - Mandatory and Category 2 - Highly Recommended frequencies to assist agencies in annual radio programming.

[MACS 441-1 FIRESCOPE Radio Communications Guidelines](#)

[FIRESCOPE MACS 441-1 Changes](#)



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The Cal OES Swiftwater / Flood Search and Rescue Working Group proposed updated qualifications and composition of Swiftwater / Flood Search and Rescue Teams in the California. The last guidelines were issued in 2001. The current updates were made to conform to national standards and ensure personnel are prepared to respond to swiftwater/flood search and rescue events. The changes include increased training, swim test, and peer evaluation. All proposals were unanimously support by the thirteen Cal OES Swiftwater / Flood Search and Rescue Teams. Team Staffing changes will be revisited at the July 2020 Board Meeting.

### ***Notice: Cancelled MACS Exercises***

In order to comply with social distancing guidelines, the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors has cancelled all in person FIRESCOPE meetings through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This includes the upcoming Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS) Exercises held annually in Redding and Riverside. FIRESCOPE work is still being accomplished through conference calls and online meeting platforms. A training video on the MACS process will be released on the FIRESCOPE website in lieu of this year's in person exercises.



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### 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.