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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Operations Teams, 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 14, 2021 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), the 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 to the impact associated with new or recently revised FIRESCOPE documents.

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 Board of Director Elections

After several years of distinguished service as the Chair for the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Chief Daryl Osby has stepped down to provide another member the opportunity. Chief Brian Fennessy has been elected as the Chair and Chief Tony Bowden as the Vice-Chair for 2021.

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FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Brian Fennessy, Orange County Fire Authority

Vice-Chair Tony Bowden, Santa Clara County Fire Department

Brian Marshall, California Office of Emergency Services, Fire and Rescue Division

Thom Porter, CAL FIRE

David Witt, Kern County Fire Department

Ralph Terrazas, Los Angeles Fire Department

Daryl Osby, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Mark Hartwig, Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Bob Baird, USDA Forest Service

Mark Lorenzen, Ventura County Fire Department

Scott Lucas, Bureau of Land Management

Jeanine Nicholson, San Francisco Fire Department

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Maurice Johnson, El Dorado Hills Fire Department

Dan Munsey, San Bernardino County Fire Department

Robin Wills, National Park Service

Mike Richwine, State Fire Marshall

Jeffery Gilbert, Williams Fire Protection Authority

Brian Rice, California Professional Fire Fighters

Eddie Sell, California State Firefighters' Association

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2020 – A Year that has Challenged the California Fire Service Like Never Before

2020 was a year of continued challenge for the California Fire Service. The year began and ended suffering the effects of a global pandemic; the fire season was the most destructive in state history and civil unrest was prevalent throughout our communities. The one constant was California firefighters on the front lines, answering the call. Our mutual aid system has been tested and continues to succeed due to the dedication of all departments in California. No department or firefighter has been unaffected by the historic events of 2020.



PRELIMINARY 2020 Local Government Mutual Aid Requests

Filled Requests 2020	
Engine/WT	12,609
Overhead	6,026
Total	18,667

UTF Requests 2020	
Engine/WT	3,860
Overhead	15,575
Total	19,435

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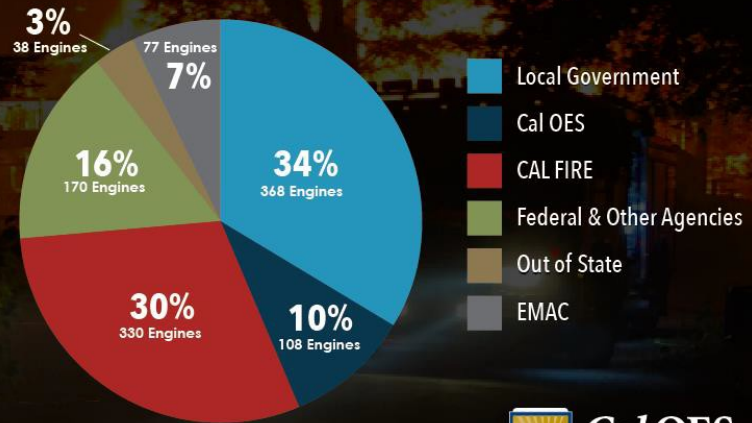


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CALIFORNIA'S MUTUAL AID SYSTEM AT WORK

Snapshot: Fire Engines on Top 9 Uncontrolled Large Fires*



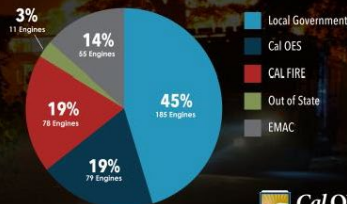
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*Top 9 Fires: LNU Lightning Complex, SCU Lightning Complex, CZU Lightning Complex, Sheep, North Complex, August Complex, Butte/Tehama/Glenn Lightning Complex, Woodward and W-5 Cold Springs



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Snapshot: Fire Engines on the Glass Incident

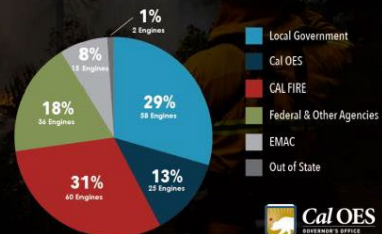


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Snapshot: Fire Engines on the Zogg Incident



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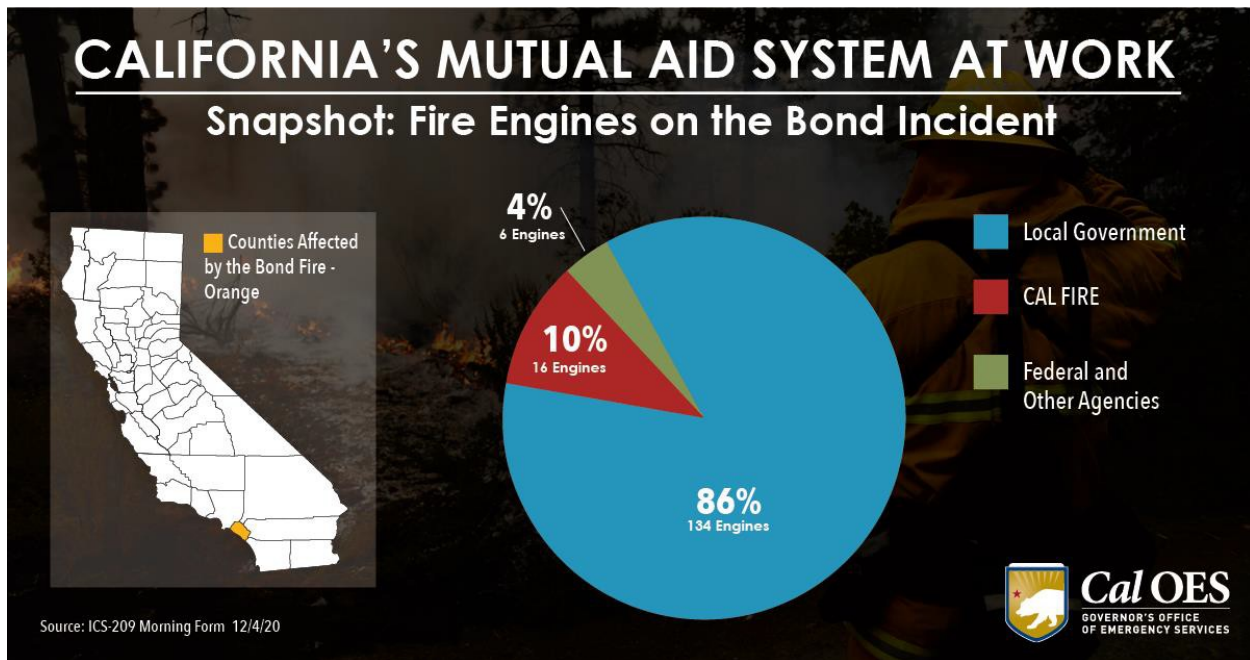
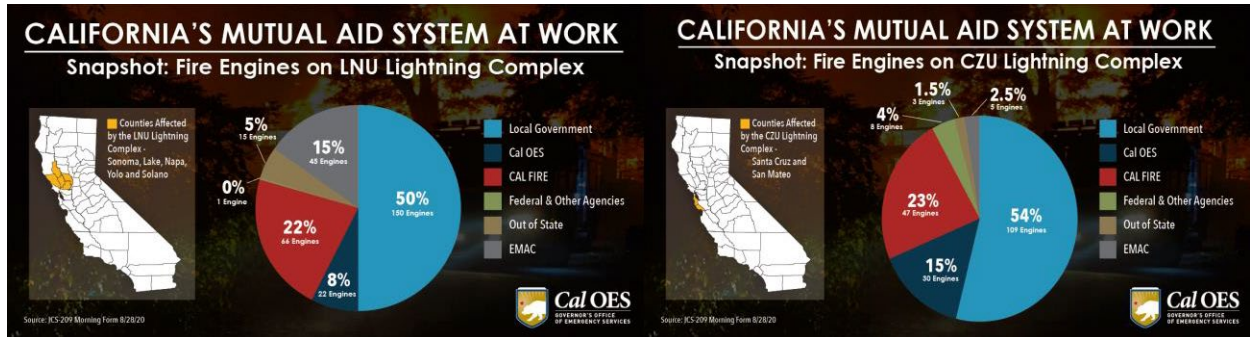


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Past Local Government Mutual Aid Requests

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Filled Requests

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Engine/WT	1,990	2,007	3,638	13,372	3,278
Overhead	3,517	4,387	5,030	15,524	1,975
Total	5,507	6,394	8,668	28,896	5,253

Unable to Fill Requests

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Engine/WT	958	3,029	6,134	6,697	1,924
Overhead	4,758	4,034	4,867	9,097	1,393
Total	5,716	7,063	11,001	15,794	3,317



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APPROVED DOCUMENTS

ICS-800, Night Flying Guidelines Revision: The ICS-800 has been revised to incorporate important changes to accurately reflect technological advancements that have provided increased capability such as nighttime hover-fill operations. [Click here to access the ICS-800, Night Flying Guidelines Revision](#)

Emerging Incident Technology (E.I.T.) Interoperability White Paper: The E.I.T. Interoperability White Paper identifies recommendations to develop a standard common operating picture capability between first responders while engaging outside of their normal operational area. [Click here to access Emerging Incident Technology \(E.I.T.\) Interoperability White Paper](#)



Predictive Services Decision Support Systems White Paper: The intent of the Predictive Services Decision Support White Paper is to provide a fundamental understanding of fire weather, fire danger and fire behavior decisions support methodologies; as well as a straightforward process on how FIRESCOPE member agencies can choose a decision support system to best serve their individual needs. [Click here to access the Predictive Services Decision Support Systems White Paper](#)

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

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Predictive Service Areas	Fri 24 Aug	Sat 25 Aug	Sun 26 Aug	Mon 27 Aug	Tue 28 Aug	Wed 29 Aug	Thu 30 Aug	Fri 31 Aug
ICR1 - North Coast								
ICR2 - Mid Coast & Mendocino								
ICR3 - Bay Area								
ICR4 - Northwestern Mountains								
ICR5 - Sacramento Valley								
ICR6 - Northeastern California								
ICR7 - Northern Sierra								
ICR8 - East Side								

- Legend:**
- Fire Dances**
 - 000 Mean 100% or more fire
 - 001 Dry - 100% or more fire in the absence of 24 hour rain
 - 002 Dry - 100% or more fire in the absence of 24 hour rain
 - 003 Dry - 100% or more fire in the absence of 24 hour rain
 - 004 Dry - 100% or more fire in the absence of 24 hour rain
 - High Risk Breaks**
 - 005 High Risk - High wind speed and high humidity
 - 006 High Risk - High wind speed and high humidity
 - 007 High Risk - High wind speed and high humidity
 - 008 High Risk - High wind speed and high humidity
 - High Risk Days**
 - 009 High Risk - High wind speed and high humidity
 - 010 High Risk - High wind speed and high humidity
 - 011 High Risk - High wind speed and high humidity
 - 012 High Risk - High wind speed and high humidity

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FIRESCOPE 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.gov or call (951) 312-8966.

Fire Service professionals and the public are encouraged to follow FIRESCOPE on its social media sites and visit the FIRESCOPE Web Site 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.



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