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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Operations Teams, Task Force, Specialist Groups and Subcommittees 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 2022 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 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.

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New Members of the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors

Please join in welcoming four new members of the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors:

Director Joe Tyler, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
Chief Kristin Crowley, Los Angeles Fire Department
Chief Mike Minton, National Park Service
Chief Dustin Gardner, Ventura County Fire Department



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FIRESCOPE Board of Directors Retirement

Please join in congratulating Chief Bowden of the Santa Clara County Fire Department on his well-earned retirement!



New Ops Team Members

The Ops Team is happy to announce the following new members:

Division Chief Anthony Stornetta, Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Fire Chief Kyle Heggstrom, Linda Fire Protection District

Division Chief Mike Bachmeyer, Red Bluff Fire Department

Deputy Chief Chad Cook, Ventura County Fire Department



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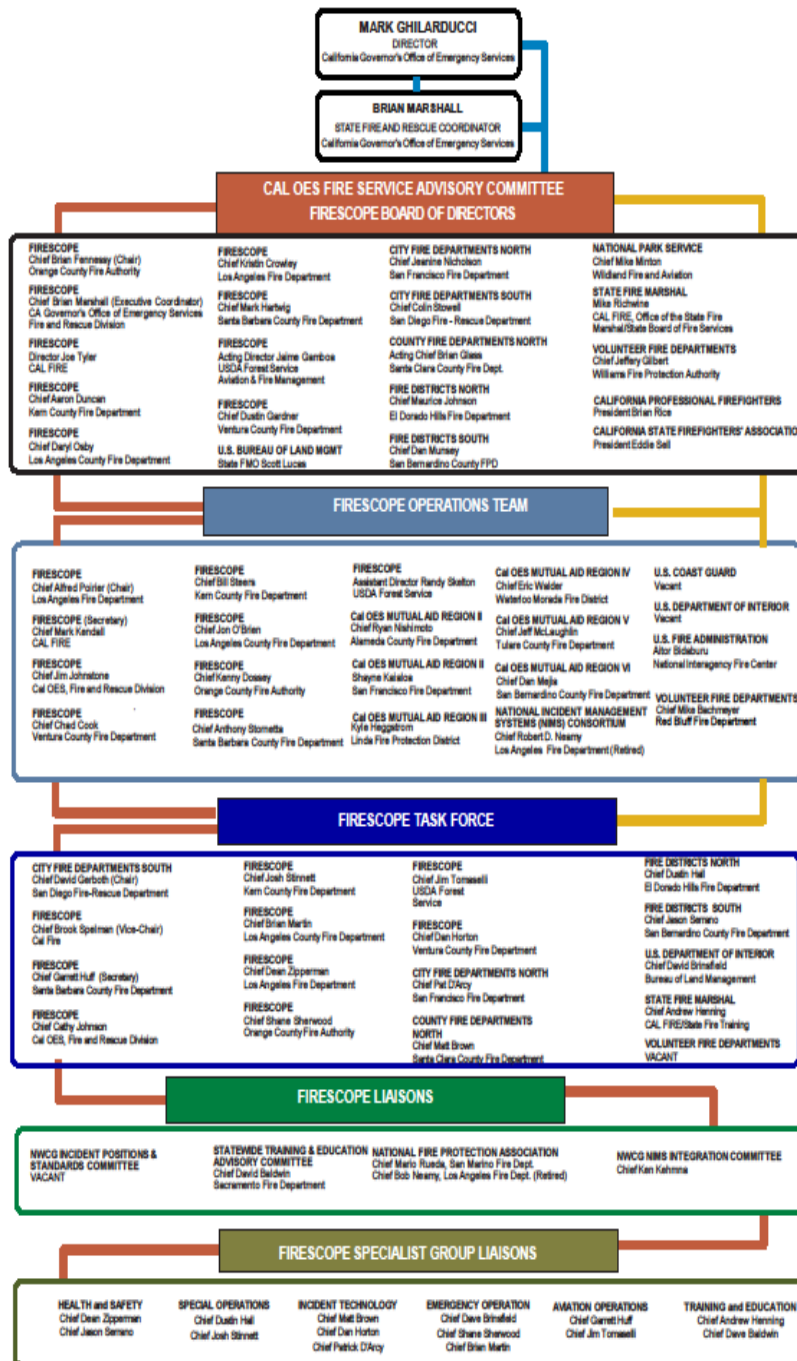


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FIRESCOPE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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Greenville Engine Donation

The Dixie Fire impacted so many communities, however maybe none more than Greenville. Despite valiant efforts by firefighters from throughout California, on August 4, 2021, approximately 75% of the structures in Greenville were destroyed. Included was the town's sole fire station and firefighting equipment of the Indian Valley Fire Department. In August of 2021, while the Dixie Fire still burned, the State of California Governors' Office of Emergency Services responded by loaning a fully equipped type 1 fire engine to serve the town. During the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors (BoD) meeting in January of 2022, the BoD voted to make the engine a donation as the town rebuilds.



Wildland Fire Subcommittee

There is no question that wildland fire is one of the most significant issues facing the state of California. In fact, FIRESCOPE was born out of the obstacles created by large multi-jurisdictional incidents. As part of the reorganization of FIRESCOPE, a Wildland Fire Subcommittee has been established to deal specifically with on-going challenges posed by repetitively historic and now year-round fire seasons

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Cancer Prevention Subcommittee

One of the most, if not the most dangerous threat to firefighters is occupational cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control, cancer is the leading cause of death among firefighters. From 2015-2020, 75 percent of the firefighters added to the International Association of Firefighters Fallen Firefighter Memorial died from occupational cancer. Data obtained from the International Association of Firefighters states that cancer was responsible for 66 percent of the line of duty deaths between 2002 – 2019. Firefighters have a 9 percent higher risk of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14 percent higher risk of dying from cancer than the general United States population according to research conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health.

FIRESCOPE has established an ad-hoc subcommittee to address cancer prevention for firefighters in California. Departments throughout the state have instituted various programs and methods to help prevent cancer in their organizations. The intent of the FIRESCOPE subcommittee to review best practices and develop guidelines that all agencies, regardless of size, can utilize to improve the safety of their members.

2022 FIRESCOPE MAC Group Exercises



Every year prior to fire season, the FIRESCOPE Task Force and Operations Team conduct Multi Agency Coordination Group (MAC Group) Exercises at both Northern California and Southern California Coordination Centers. The Multi- Agency Coordination System (MACS) process is used to prioritize multiple incidents when competing for scarce resources. After two years of virtual exercises the MACS exercises are retuning in person:

North Ops Exercise
Redding City Hall – Community Center Room
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001
April 13, 2022 (0900-1200)

South Ops Exercise
South Ops Coordination Center
23300 Castle Street, Riverside, CA 92518
Riverside – MACS Center
May 11, 2022 (0900-1200)

Each year, the invitation is extended to Local, State, and Federal upper-level fire managers desiring current information about the FIRESCOPE MAC Group decision process.

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Newly Approved FIRESCOPE Documents

Marijuana Cultivation Response Power Point Presentation:

The Incident Safety Subcommittee, as tasked by the FIRESCOPE BoD, has developed a Power Point presentation that addresses the safety concerns when encountering marijuana cultivation sites. Increased cultivation activity has led to significant incidents that have threatened the safety of firefighters, particularly on wildland fires throughout the state.

[Marijuana Cultivation Response Guidelines](#)



Decon Unit Typing and SEL: The decontamination of a mass number of civilians and/or responders has become a concern since 9/11. Concerns of terrorist attacks, failures of chemical facilities, and pesticide over-sprays have occurred. In these instances, and others, large numbers of civilians and rescuers have required the decontamination process. In the past, Mass Decontamination response has been the under the purview of individual agency standards and a statewide guideline was not available. Considering such need, FIRESCOPE has developed guidance for Mass Decontamination Typing, a Standard Equipment List (SEL), and the minimum staffing levels of the typed decon units. [Haz Mat Decon Typing SEL](#)



Rapid Extrication Module Support, ICS-223: The REMS Subcommittee has revised the ICS-223 based on significant experience deploying REMS in California and around the nation. The Rapid Extrication Module Support, ICS-223, position task manual was developed with the intent to provide a clear description of the role, duties, and equipment pertinent to the position of the Rapid Extrication Module Support (REMS).

[ICS-223 REMS 2022](#)





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Behavior Health, Operational System Description, ICS-180: The Behavior Health Subcommittee has updated the Behavior Health Operational System Description (OSD), ICS-180. Updates to the ICS-180 include newly added positions, position requirements, updated organizational structure, checklists and appendices. [ICS 180 Behavioral Health OSD](#)

All documents available at:

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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

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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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