



# FIRESCOPE

QUARTERLY BRIEFING - SUMMER 2020

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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).”*



FIRESCOPE’s annual in-person North and South MACS Exercises in 2020 were cancelled due to the impacts of COVID-19. In lieu of in-person exercises, FIRESCOPE & the Orange County Fire Authority have produced an informative video on MACS and the MAC Group Process [Click here to view the MACS Group Process video.](#)

## **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 July 8 & 9, 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.



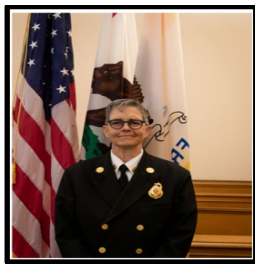
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## WELCOME

Please welcome the three newest members of the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors. FIRESCOPE member Biographies can be found on the FIRESCOPE Web Site.

[Click here to view the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors Rosters and Biographies](#)



Fire Chief Jeanine Nicholson  
San Francisco Fire Department  
Representing Cities North



Fire Chief Dan Munsey  
San Bernardino County Fire  
Protection District  
Representing Districts South



Fire Chief Maurice Johnson  
El Dorado Hills Fire  
Protection District  
Representing Districts North

## APPROVED DOCUMENTS

### **FIRESCOPE ICS 259 and the Serious Incident Checklist**

The ICS 259 - Serious Incident Checklist and instruction form are a new tool for the field level supervisor to utilize in the initial phases of an Incident within an Incident (IWI). This checklist will be available as a fillable form PDF and printed document on the FIRESCOPE website under publications ([Click here to access the FIRESCOPE ICS 259 & Instructions](#)). This checklist will be included in the 2022 FIRESCOPE ICS 420-1 Field Operations Guide



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As we enter the 2020 wildland season, we are still faced with the COVID 19 outbreak. Crews continue to practice physical distancing to prevent or slow the spread of the disease.

Below are links to the CDC and NWCG recommendations for Wildland firefighters as well as a link to the Wildfire Lessons Learned page that share valuable information on the challenges that will be faced this fire season.

[Click here to view the CDC recommendations.](#)

[Click here to view the NWCG recommendations.](#)

[Click here to view the Wildfire Lessons Learned page.](#)

### **ADVISORY MESSAGE**

The information contained in this Quarterly Briefing is intended to be shared widely 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, visit the FIRESCOPE website at <http://firescope.caloes.ca.gov> and subscribe to the FIRESCOPE newsletter via [Mailchimp](#) to learn more about the FIRESCOPE organization and to keep apprised of the latest product development, and key initiatives.



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## 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.



A firefighter walks behind a burning building on Melrose Avenue during civil unrest in Los Angeles on Saturday.  
(Wally Skaliy / Los Angeles Times)