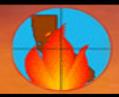


# FIRESCOPE



## Quarterly Briefing

April 2019

### 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 implementation of new or revised FIRESCOPE documents during their April 10, 2019 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.

### Newly Approved FIRESCOPE Material

The following is a list of new or recently revised FIRESCOPE documents with an accompanying summary statement for each item that details the impact to the State's Master Mutual Aid System, MACS or ICS.



#### **FIRESCOPE Technical Search and Rescue**

**Specialist Group:** Formerly known as the FIRESCOPE Urban Search and Rescue Specialist Group, a title change to FIRESCOPE Technical Search and Rescue Specialist Group was approved to more closely align with the nationally recognized term "Technical Search and Rescue" that is used to describe the varying disciplines performed by the search and rescue community. Visit [FIRESCOPE](#) and click on the "Members" tab to view the Technical Search and Rescue Group roster, biographies, plan of work, charter, and meeting information.

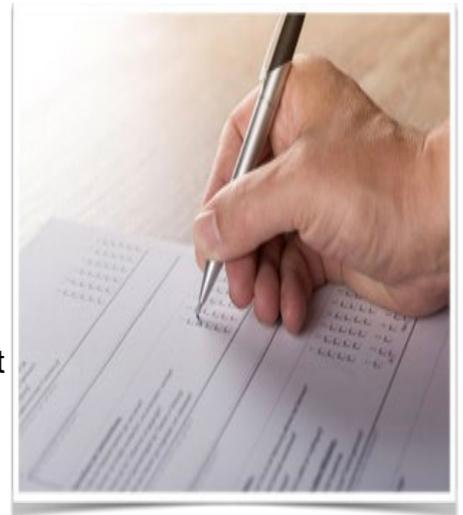


**Flagging Tape Standardization:** Based on a proposal from the FIRESCOPE Safety Specialist Group and in accordance with NWCG recommendations, minimum flagging tape standards have been adopted to ensure continuity exists in identifying Safety Zones, Escape Routes and Hazards on an incident. When identifying escape routes and safety zones, hot-pink flagging tape marked “Escape Route” should be utilized while fluorescent chartreuse may be used as an alternative for colorblind personnel. Hazards posing a risk to the safety of personnel should be marked with flagging tape yellow in color with black diagonal stripes, one-inch wide. These new flagging tape standards and implementation procedures may be found in the FIRESCOPE [Firefighter Incident Safety and Accountability Guidelines-ICS 910](#). Visit [FIRESCOPE](#) and click the “Documents” tab to access the electronic version.



## **FIRESCOPE ICS 225-AH Incident Personnel**

**Performance Rating:** FIRESCOPE, in conjunction with the California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS), agreed that an “All-Hazard” version of the current ICS 225– Incident Personnel Performance Rating was needed to accurately rate the performance of fire service personnel who are working on an incident or event outside of the wildland environment. Adapted from the United States Coast Guard ICS 225-CG, the newly developed FIRESCOPE ICS 225-AH Incident Personnel Performance Rating form features a comprehensive list of rating factors with preprinted performance language, allowing for the rater to simply check a box that matches the performance level (e.g.; unacceptable, met standards, exceeded expectations) of the rated person in each area being evaluated.



## **2019 California Fire Service Initiatives**

The following updates are included to ensure the appropriate awareness and communication of key California Fire Service initiatives that have been, or are in the process of being, implemented:



### **FIRESCOPE Aviation Operations Specialist Group**

The Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Working Group continues to work on developing UAS typing, position qualifications, and all-hazard operational guidelines for the use of UAS by the California Fire Service. The UAS Working Group expects to deliver their final product to the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors by the summer of 2019.

## Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS) Exercises

The FIRESCOPE Task Force will be facilitating its annual MACS Exercises at Cal OES Headquarters in Sacramento, CA on April 24, 2019 and South Ops in Riverside, CA on May 15, 2019. Visit [FIRESCOPE](#) for specific details.



## Advisory Message

The information contained in this 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. Any questions should 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 to visit <http://firescope.caloes.ca.gov> to learn more about the FIRESCOPE organization and to keep apprised of the latest product development, key initiatives, and what's new in the California Fire Service. The QR Code below provides access to documents referenced in the October 2018 Quarterly Briefing.

