



FIRESCOPE



AVIATION OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE 2026 CHARTER

MISSION STATEMENT

The FIRESCOPE Aviation Operations Subcommittee was established to bring together public safety and military aviation representatives with the intent of foster relationships and developing processes and products that will support operations in the “All Hazard” environment. The Subcommittee will strive to produce products utilizing a best practice model, free of political or geographic bias, drawing upon the experience and knowledge gained in the delivery of public service by all members in accordance with all FIRESCOPE policies and procedures.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Develop, maintain, and gain approval from the Task Force for a “Plan of Work” consistent with the Subcommittee’s mission.
2. Collaborate with other members, appropriate stakeholders and subject matter experts on issues related to the “Plan of Work” to ensure integration of a broad range of ideas in the final product.
3. Develop and maintain FIRESCOPE documents and products specific to the “Plan of Work.”
4. Present a single document for each “Plan of Work” project representative part of the Subcommittee consensus.
5. Maintain an awareness of current and future trends and technology consistent with the Subcommittee’s mission.
6. Determine the potential for interagency cooperation and operational capabilities with the representative of the Subcommittee’s mission.
7. Review current training, certification, and qualification requirements representative of the Subcommittee’s mission and make recommendations for consistency and enhancement.
8. Develop, as necessary or required, position manuals, task books, and other documents for use in filling ICS positions related to the Subcommittee’s mission.
9. Review and revise documents and ICS structure related to the Subcommittee’s mission.



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10. Maintain accurate confidential and non-confidential membership rosters for the Subcommittee.
11. Report to the FIRESCOPE Task Force liaison assigned to the Subcommittee.
12. Complete other assignments tasked by the Task Force.

MEMBERSHIP

Group Membership shall assure representation of the California Fire Service from throughout the state. The members shall possess a sufficient level of technical expertise to support the Group's primary area of responsibility.

Members shall be approved by the FIRESCOPE Task Force and may include, but are not limited to:

- State agencies such as CALFIRE, Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division
- Federal agencies with fire suppression responsibilities
- Local fire agencies representative of the Cal OES Mutual Aid Regions, cities, counties, and rural areas.

Associate Advisors may be assigned from interested non-fire service groups to provide technical expertise with the approval of the Task Force

OFFICERS

The elected officers of the FIRESCOPE Subcommittee will consist of a Chair and may include a Vice-Chair and Secretary. Additionally, two members of the Subcommittee will serve as officers on the respective Specialist Subcommittee. The Chair is responsible for managing the Subcommittee to accomplish the identified annual "Plan of Work" in accordance with the FIRESCOPE Decision Process. The Vice-Chair acts in the absence of the Chair, and the Secretary is responsible for ensuring that the minutes and related documents are recorded and submitted to the Task Force.

Officers are elected annually by the membership, with voting completed prior to October 31. The Chair will serve a two-year term, while all other elected officers will serve a one-year term. All terms will run from January 1 to December 31.



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MEETINGS

Meetings are held quarterly. Additional meetings will be held as necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives of the FIRESCOPE Air Operations subcommittees “Plan of Work.” Meetings will be held so they do not conflict with Task Force meetings.