



**FIRESCOPE OPERATIONS TEAM
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, December 4, 2025, 0900 -1700
Los Angeles City Fire Department

Welcome/Roll Call

Members Present: Operations Team

Ahearn (USFS)	Fligiel (LFD)	O'Brien
Taylor (Lg. Cities North)	Steers (KRN)	Stornetta (SBC)
Johnstone (Cal OES)	O'Brien (LAC)	Sheppard (Mutual Aid IV)
Serna (Fire Dist. South)	McGovern (ORC)	Heggstrom (Mutual Aid III)
Barnes (Cal Chiefs)	Vanlandingham	McLaughlin (County South)
Eddy (Lg. Cities South)	(Small City North)	Brinsfield (BLM)
Nolan (CAL FIRE)	Bachmeyer	Harper (Fire Districts North)
	(Volunteer FD)	Riley (ANA) (Small/Med City South)

Others Present: Task Force & Specialist Groups

Johnson (OES)	Brown (CNT)
Serrano (BDC)	Rezende (SND)
Walder (WMR)	

Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics – O'Brien/Fligiel

Flag Salute

Recognition of Outstanding Service to FIRESCOPE

- a) Chief Dennis Nolan – CAL FIRE
- b) Chief Anthoy Stornetta – Santa Barbara Co. Fire
- c) Chief Eric Roberts (Task Force) LAFD

\$20 Cash – Ops Team Retirement Mug Fund Collection - Johnstone

Agenda Review – O'Brien

***Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes** – O'Brien

September 2025 Ops Team Minutes

Approved

Task Force Report – Serrano/Brown

- *FIRESCOPE Quarterly Brief Draft
Approved
- *Standard Wildland Pre-Plan Funding White Paper
Approved
- *Collaborative Statewide Fuels Reduction White Paper
Tabled until the March 2026 Ops Team meeting
- *Predictive Services ICS 410-3 Revision
Approved
- *Heavy Equipment All-Hazards Task Force (HEAT) White Paper
Approved
- *HEAT Charter
Approved
- *ICS 510 - Structure Fire Incident Commander Job Aid
Approved
- *Addition of Structure Fire FOG Chapter
Approved
- *ICS 167 – Maritime Operational System Description
Approved

- *Transition to “Energy Subcommittee” White Paper
Approved
- *FIREScope Task Force Presents: 2026 Rosters, Charters, and Plans of Work for all Subcommittees
Approved

Notable Updates

- UAS for All-Hazard Incident White Paper
- TSAR Animal and Tower Rescue
- Helicopter Typing White Paper
- *CAD to CAD White Paper - Draft

Old Business

- o Update on Fire Resource Ordering Process Workgroup – McGovern
 - Phase 1 is completed.
 - Moving on to elements of Phase 2.
 - Meeting once a month or more
 - Lack of dedicated staff. Dispatch is still busy taking 911 calls while major incidents are occurring.
 - Concerns with training and education for ECC dispatchers.
 - Forthcoming training for dispatchers will be held semi-annually.
 - IROC is good for reconciliation. It needs to be streamlined.
 - IROC has a punch list already with the ability to check boxes and enter the quantity of resources needed.
 - Need to look at new technology. Something similar to Amazon that provides tracking of orders.
 - Resources are not always being sent to the correct area.
 - Many vendors have reached out regarding their products.
 - Looking to have a 1–2-day meeting where vendors can show the group what they have to offer.
 - For phase 2, the group is looking into several options.
 - Discussed creating a bridge between IROC and CAD to CAD.
 - Discussed building their own punch list for IROC.
 - July 2026 target date for an enhancement to orders.
 - System needs to be staffed and funded appropriately.

- FIRESCOPE Mutual Aid Coordination Team Update – Walder
 - Meetings are quarterly or more often depending on incident activity.
 - Last meeting was in October.
 - Reviewed the 2020 - 2025 fire seasons.
 - Currently supporting the governor's executive order work group.
 - The group has increased communication between Cal OES and local government region coordinators.
 - Working on helping LG partners transition from IROC and IQS.
 - Submitted 2026 Plan of Work.
- *MACS 441-1 FIRESCOPE Radio Communications Guidelines
Approved
- *Legacy Phase Out Letter
Approved

New Business

- *CAL FIRE BESS Working Group Letter and Update – Rezende
 - The group has not held their first meeting yet.
- South Ops MAC Center Update – Johnstone
 - Cal OES provided tables and workstations etc.
 - CAL FIRE and the USFS have stepped up and the MAC Center is now outfitted to be a fully operational meeting room for when we stand up a MAC group.
 - Virtual attendance is now possible.
 - New audio and visual capabilities.
 - Task Force and Ops Team meetings can be held at South Ops in the future.
- Wildland Mop Up Procedures – Possible BoD WL SC Tasking – McGovern
 - Working on revising mop up policies.
 - Getting resources out before an expected wind event after a fire's containment.
 - Looking for a BoD tasking for the wildland subcommittee.
 - Discussed best practices for mop up procedures in the wildland.
- **Presentation – Urwin**
 - Cancer Prevention

Updates and Reports

- Cal OES - Johnstone
 - Director Ward to retire January 1, 2026.
 - Announcement of her replacement is forthcoming.
 - Cal Chiefs and the FIRESCOPE EIT subcommittee are hosting the Annual Tech Summit at Esri again. It will be held from February 2-5, 2026. More information and registration are on the Cal Chief website.
- CAL FIRE - Nolan
 - Five different unit chiefs across the state have retired with replacements and many pending retirements.
 - At the executive level there are also a lot of retirements.
 - Chief Dennis Nolan is to retire this month.
 - Down staffing continues until the beginning of March.
 - By the 15th of December they will basically be at base staffing or winter preparedness staffing across the state.
 - In mid-March, hiring starts back up.
 - Discussed helicopter staffing. No fixed wing in the north. It will be moving down south to Hemet/Ramona.
- USFS/DOI – Ahearn/Brinsfield
 - USFS:
 - Statistics and resource update.
 - Change is coming in the weeks and months to come.
 - Currently, in an interim operations design plan and by January 12th, need to have a new interim operation in place.
 - Discussed staffing changes. Hiring as much as they can.
 - Continuing to move forward.
 - DOI:
 - Discussed staffing and teams.
 - In the process of burning fuels. Received \$11 million in funds. Must be spent before January.
 - Resource update.
- Office of State Fire Training – Henning
 - No report
- NWCG NIMS Integration Committee - Gerboth
 - 45 common positions within the National Incident Management System being endorsed for wildland endorsements.
 - Currently the 45 positions are classified as all-hazard, and now the members will be able to apply for wildland

- endorsement. Other Multidisciplinary positions to follow.
- Using the California Incident Command certification system qualifications guide as a basis.
- Discussed ICS 180.
- The national NWCG meeting is being held in February.
- NFPA – Neamy
 - No report
- CWCG Operations – Steers
 - Reduced to sponsoring 8 teams. Teams have been struggling to have a minimum roster.
 - Discussed activation statistics.
 - IC applications went out a month ago. Interviewing in two weeks.

Next Ops Team Meeting

March 11 - 12, 2026

Sonoma/Menlo Park Fire District

Next Board of Director's Meeting

January 14 & 15, 2026

Mather/Cal OES Headquarters

Roundtable

Adjourned at 1515