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Hosted By:

LA City Fire Dept.

Meeting Location

Sub Committees

Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center (FHMTTC)

1700 Stadium Way, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Task Force and Ops Team

LAFD Historical Society (Old Fire Station 27)

1355 North Cahuenga Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90028

Members

Robert Rezende (SND)

Angel Prieto (BLM)

Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)

Caryn Petty (CDF)

Tim Adams (ANA)

Dave Semple (CDF)

Jason Serrano (BDC)

Steve Davis (SBC)

Cary Wright (KRN)

Eric Roberts (LFD)

Dan Coyle (MNL)

Jim Henery (ORC)

Matt Brown (CNT)

Cathy Johnson (OES)

Pedro Arreguin (VNC)

Chris St. Pierre (USFS)

Brian Duffy (TLC)

Guests

Jim Johnstone (OES)

Jett Schuster (BDC)

Adam Panos

Marcus Dunlap (CDF)

Kristen Allison

Frank Granados

Chuck MacFarland (SND)

Jason Ghorbani

Shin Oh (MNL)

Nic Turner (BDC)

Jeff Hughes

Guy Tomlinson (LFD)

Erin Opliger

Trevor Cantanho

Mike Klusyk

Patrick Juback

Steve Tracy

Mike Liversedge (SND)

Jeremy Lawson (CDF)

Jay Lee (SND)

Jason Calista

Eric Oliveri

Robert Clark

Alan Perrault

Mike Beckstrand

Chris Sotro

Steve Kennedy

Whit MacDonald



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Welcome, Introductions, Logistics, and Pledge.....Tomlinson (LFD)

I. Moment of Silence for Firefighters LODDs

Isabella Oscarson, Idaho Department of Lands, Boise, ID September 26th, 2025

Brandon Clawson, City of Bristol Fire Department, Bristol, TN October 1st, 2025

Kalif Daley, Columbia County Fire and Rescue, Martinez, GA November 4th, 2025

Patrick Brady, Fire Department of the City of New York, Brooklyn, NY November 8th, 2025

Scott Hall, City of Berkeley Fire Department, Berkeley, CA, November 27th, 2025

****And all Law Enforcement Officers LODD****

II. Agenda Review and Additions.....Serrano

III. Review and Approval of November Meeting Minutes..... Rezende

A. Motion to approve: Chapman, Wright

IV. Task Force Update.....Serrano

A. Accolades for Jason Serrano for leading TF.

V. Ops Team Update.....Johnstone

A. Shared dinner plans and invited all FIRESCOPE to attend meetings and dinners.

VI. Cal OES Update..... Johnson

A. Website Discussion.....Johnstone

1. Rely on subcommittee to advise changes needed to website.

2. Please bring these changes to Cathy Johnson.

3. Discussed updates to the website including new calendar which is connected to the meeting flyers.

4. Captured an error in naming for ICS 161-1 and removing MD from the title.

5. Requested EMS to review document and update

6. Requested TS&R to update ICS numbering for older documents.

VII. OSFM SFT Report.....Petty

A. 2024-2025 Ongoing Projects

1. CCR, Title 19



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- a) 15-Day Public Comment Period open now. Minor edits/corrections to initial package. Expected final publication by January 2026.

2. Blueprint 2030

- a) Approved by CAL FIRE Executive July 2025, and both the website dashboard and the implementation action plan are now in development.

3. Annual Report 2023

- a) Available online: [SFT Annual Report](#)

4. [SFT November 2025 Newsletter](#)

B. 2025 Curriculum Projects/Updates

1. Updates

- a) Fire Fighter 1A and 2A (2024) – live July 1, 2025
 - (1) [Fire Fighter 1A and 2A Staff Report](#)
 - (2) [Fire Fighter 1 Webpage](#) / [Fire Fighter 2 Webpage](#)
 - (3) Fire Fighter 1A and 2A (2019) retire June 2026
- b) Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1 and 2 (2024) – IFSAC/Pro Board – live July 1, 2025
 - (1) [National Accredited Certification Expansion - FESI 1 & 2](#)
 - (2) Existing Evaluators to complete WebForm online
- c) Behavioral Health and Cancer Awareness (2025)
 - (1) [Behavioral Health and Cancer Awareness Staff Report](#)
 - (2) January 2026 implementation
- d) Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Series
 - (1) Virtual cadre underway
- e) Prevention Series – all to STEAC January 2026
 - (1) [First Responder Inspector](#) / [Fire Inspector](#)
 - (2) [Fire Marshal](#) / [Fire Plans Examiner](#)
- f) Curriculum Retirements
 - (1) Fire Control 5 - postponed
- g) Fire Officer Series
- h) [Fire Officer 2](#) (formerly Company Officer)
 - (1) CO (2014) retires Dec 31, 2026
 - (2) In-process candidate Task Books due Dec 31, 2027
- i) [Fire Officer 3](#) (formerly Chief Fire Officer)
 - (1) CFO (2014) retires June 30, 2026
 - (2) In-process candidate Task Books due June 30, 2027
- j) [Fire Officer 4](#) (formerly Executive Chief Fire Officer)
 - (1) ECFO (2014) retires Dec 31, 2025
 - (2) In-process candidate Task Books due Dec 31, 2026
 - (3) ****NOTE:** Existing coursework series lends to new Task Books**



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(4) ****NOTE:** Information Bulletin pending for delivery modality guidance**

(a) Distance Education, by definition. SFT will provide a guidance document for delivery guidance and compliance.

C. SFT/Petty will host a series of stakeholder development projects in early 2026:

1. Accredited Academy Workgroup – to revise/redefine accredited academies (ALA/ARTP) in SFT system
2. Training Officer/Academy Coordinator Boot Camp (virtual)

VIII. Old Business/Projects Updates

- A. FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Sales – App Update..... Johnson
1. Fog Sales - Continue
 2. New App Revision Analytics.....Johnson
 - a) Realignment will be by discipline.
 3. FOG 3.0 roll-outJohnson
 - a) Still in process.
 4. FOG Items and Digital Changes.....Roberts
 - a) Has been approved to move forward.
- B. Additional members to subcommittees.....All
1. Duffy: Proposed to add Chief Bryant from OCFA to CRR
 - a) Pedro/Petty
 2. Duffy: Proposed to add AFM Kane from SDFD to CRR
 - a) Serrano/Lewis
- C. FIREScope Task Request Form.....Roberts
1. Application to current tasks, updates.....Serrano/Brown
- D. 2025 Quarterly Briefs.....Rezende
1. December QB (Solicitation Photos, Williams Fire)
 2. Departing accolades
 3. Add Chief Moore, Huff, to BoD
 4. Retirement, Hartwig, Meston
 5. Cancer awareness month
- E. Standard Wildland Preplan WP (Going to Ops).....Duffy/Arreguin
1. Presented & updated white paper.



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- F. HZSO Whitepaper (Update).....Rezende/Roberts/Brown
1. Working with CICCIS to update the existing position and develop a Task Book.
- G. TS&R Document Review.....Coyle
1. RTFs and Historical Recognition (Update).....Coyle
a) Going for Task Force review in January
2. OSD (Update).....Coyle
3. Arbor Rescue ICS 162-5 (Update)Coyle
4. Animal Rescue ICS 162-3 (Update).....Coyle
a) Going for Task Force review in January with updated wire diagrams.
5. Tower Rescue ICS 162-2 (Update).....Coyle
a) Going for Task Force review in January with updated wire diagrams.
- H. Structure Fire FOG Chapter and Job Aid Review.....Henery
1. Approved and moving to Ops
- I. Mobile Communications Typing Standards (Discussion, FEMA Mobile EOC).....Prieto
1. Decision made to not pursue inclusion in FOG as it would be problematic to vendors and Viper.
- J. Maritime OSD 167 (FOG Chapter Update).....Lewis
1. Reviewed updated and corrected radio channels/frequencies.
2. Collaborated with Communications Subcommittee and Incident Safety Subcommittee.
3. FOG Chapter to be ready for presentation to Task Force in March.
4. Going to Ops.
- K. Collaborative Statewide Fuels Reduction White Paper (Going to Ops)...Brown/Johnstone
1. Reviewed and ready to go to Ops.
2. Action Item: Brown to send out talking points to Task Force members.
- L. MACS 410-3 Predictive Services (Going to Ops).....St. Pierre
1. No changes.
- M. CAD to CAD Typing (Discussion).....D'Arcy
1. No report.



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N. ICS 400-1 (Discussion).....Johnstone

1. Future revision to be discussed and a draft should be ready for review by January, 2026.

2. Action Item: Chief Coyle to update verbiage of Position Paper.

IX. Current BOD Tasking

A. HEAT (Heavy Equipment All-Hazard Task Force).....Serrano

1. Charter (Going to Ops).

2. HEAT White Paper (Going to Ops).

3. Roster Solicitation.

a) Same solicitation as previous new Ad-Hocs.

4. Task Force reviewed and discussed the white paper.

a) Motion to move the white paper to Ops: Arreguin / Davis.

B. Helicopter Typing White Paper (Discussion).....Semple/MacFarland

1. Next meeting is in January.

2. Aim is to have it completed by October.

3. Needs to work with NIAC and FEMA and NWCG.

X. New Business

A. Comms Discussion.....Prieto

1. Legacy BK Phase Out (Discussion)

a) Recommendation to create a white paper to propose adding language into the 441 for April 2026.

b) Motion to move the letter of notification: Adams/Lewis

2. MACS 441 Review/Approval

a) Motion to move to ops: Arreguin/Wright

B. MACS 410-4 Update (Discussion).....Johnstone

1. Ready to go BoD in January.

C. ~~US&R Strike Team Leader and CIGCS (Discussion)~~.....Coyle

D. UAS with US&R and Maritime (Discussion).....Chapman

1. Discussion on an All-Hazard UAS component.

2. Presentation by: Frank Granados.

3. Proposed to develop a white paper on mutual aid ordering of UAS resources and hope to present to the Task Force in January 2026.



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- E. Cancer Prevention and Biology Education (Going to Ops).....Wright
 - 1. Reviewed updated combined slides in the presentation.
 - 2. Will be added to January QB with link to PPT.
 - 3. Discussion of developing awareness and prevention videos.
 - 4. Discussion of biomarkers of acute exposures.

- F. Li-Ion Battery Sub-Committee Transition White Paper (Discussion).....Rezende
 - 1. Motion to move to Ops: Adams/Lewis

XI. Specialist Groups and Subcommittee Reports..... All

- A. Structure Fire Subcommittee
 - 1. Rosters, Charters, and POW approved
- B. TS&R
 - 1. Motion from Semple and second by Arreguin to approve updated POW
- C. Maritime
 - 1. Motion Chapman, second Wright
- D. GIS
 - 1. Motion by Davis, second St. Pierre
- E. Predictive Services
 - 1. Motion to approve: Brown, second Arreguin
- F. EIT
 - 1. Motion to approve: Brown, second Chapman
- G. CAD2CAD
 - 1. Motion to approve: Lewis, second Wright
- H. Communications
 - 1. Motion to approve: Wright, second Arreguin
- I. EMS
 - 1. Motion to approve: Chapman, second by Wright
- J. Wildland Preplan
 - 1. Motion to approve: Chapman / Arreguin
- K. UAS
 - 1. Motion to approve: Petty / Davis

Health and Safety

Special Operations

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Incident Safety December 9/10, 2025	Technical Search and Rescue MRP Collaboration January 27/28, 2026	GIS February 5, 2026
Behavioral Health February 17, 2026	Maritime Operations February 17/18, 2026	Predictive Services March 18/19, 2026
Cancer Prevention	Hazardous Materials March 4/5, 2026	Communications January 21/22, 2026
	HEAT (Ad-Hoc)	Emerging Information Technology February 3-5, 2026
	Lithium-Ion (Ad-Hoc) March 6, 2026	CAD to CAD (Ad-Hoc)

<u>Emergency Operations</u>	<u>Air Operations</u>	<u>Training and Education</u>
EMS Spring, 2026	Aviation Operations January 22/23, 2026	CRR/FP
Structure Fire March 25/26, 2026	Unmanned Aerial System December 16, 2025	CSFM Training
Wildland Fire Spring, 2026		STEAC January 9, 2026
Wildland Preplan (Ad-Hoc) December 16, 2025		CICCS

XII. Review of Upcoming Task Force Meetings.....All

XIII. 2026 Meeting Schedule

- A. January 13/14, 2026 Sacramento, CA TF, Sacramento FD – Lewis
- B. February 10/11, 2026 Long Beach, CA TF Anaheim FD – Adams
- C. March 10/11, 2026 Santa Rosa, CA TF Menlo Park – Coyle
- D. April 13/14, 2026 Truckee, CA TF, Santa Clara Co. – Brown
- E. May 12/13, 2026 MACS Training and TF Meeting, OCFA – Henery
- F. June TBD 2026 TF/ Ops San Francisco, SFFD- D'Arcy
- G. July 6/7, 2026 TF Lake Arrowhead, SBCoFD- Schuster
 1. Motion to include Task Force Alumni meeting - Rezende/Arreguin



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a) Capture list of contact for members

b) Identify logistics

H. August 11/12, 2026 TF TBD

I. September 8/9, 2026 TF San Diego, CA SDFD - Rezende

J. October 13/14, 2026 TF Anaheim, CA Anaheim FD - Adams

K. November 10/11, 2026 TBD

L. December 7/8/9, 2026 SouthOps(TBD)

XIV. Future Ops Team and Board of Directors Meetings

XV. 2025 Ops Team Schedule and Venues

A. December 4 Los Angeles

XVI. 2026 Board Meeting Schedule and Venues

A. January 14/15 Sacramento Cal OES HQ

B. April 15/16 TBD

C. July 8/9 Sacramento Cal OES HQ

D. October 14/15 Anaheim

XVII. Roundtable.....All