



**EMERGING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
GROUP CHARTER
2021**

MISSION STATEMENT

The FIRESCOPE Emerging Information Technologies Group has been established to research, identify, share, and promote effective information technologies that can be used by fire & rescue agencies. As technologies are rapidly evolving, the EIT group will identify opportunities to adopt standardizations while helping fire & rescue agencies prepare for expected future technologies. The Group will strive to produce products utilizing a best practice model, 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 Group’s mission utilizing multiple methods to disseminate information to a diverse group of key stakeholders.
2. Collaborate with other members, appropriate stakeholders, and subject matter experts on issues related to the “Plan of Work” to insure integration of a broad range of ideas in the final product.
3. Develop and maintain FIRESCOPE data-use and products specific to the “Plan of Work
4. Present a “Plan of Work” representative of group consensus.
5. Maintain an awareness of current and future trends and technology consistent with the Group’s mission.
6. Determine the potential for inter-agency cooperation and operational capabilities representative of the Group’s mission.
7. Review and revise disseminated information in all forms and ICS structures related to the Group’s mission.
8. Maintain accurate confidential and non-confidential membership rosters for the Group.
9. Report to the FIRESCOPE Task Force Liaison assigned to the Group.
10. Complete other assignments as deemed appropriate by the Task Force.

AD HOC/WORKING GROUPS

Ad Hoc/Working Groups may be established by the group when appropriate. Each Ad Hoc/Working Group shall have an identified and approved roster.

MEMBERSHIP

Members will be representative of the California Fire Service and based on the issues identified in the “Plan of Work” and the subsequent level of technical expertise required to ensure statewide representation. Members shall be approved by the FIRESCOPE Task Force and may include, but are not limited to:

- State agencies such as CAL FIRE, CAL OES-Fire and Rescue Division
- Federal agencies
- Local agencies representative of the CAL OES Mutual Aid Regions, cities, counties, and rural areas.



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Associate Advisors may be assigned from interested non-fire service groups to provide technical expertise with the approval of the Task Force. Associate Advisors will not have the authority to vote on decisions or recommendations.

OFFICERS

The only required Officer of the FIRESCOPE Emerging Information Technologies Group is the position of Chair. The Group may select a Vice-Chair and Secretary as necessary. All Officers must be active members of the Group. Officers will be elected annually on a calendar year basis, January 1 to December 31.

The Chair will be responsible for managing the Group to accomplish the annual “Plan of Work” in accordance with the FIRESCOPE Decision Process and providing status reports on the Group’s efforts to the designated FIRESCOPE Task Force liaison.

MEETINGS

At least one face-to-face meeting will be held annually. Additional meetings will be held as necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives of the FIRESCOPE Emerging Information Technologies Group “Plan of Work”. Meetings will be held so they do not conflict with Task Force meetings.