



EMERGING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES SUBCOMMITTEE 2026 CHARTER

MISSION STATEMENT

To recommend best practices, standards, and promote interoperability for technology solutions that affect the California fire service through technical expertise, research, information sharing, and interagency collaboration.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Develop, maintain, and gain approval from the Task Force for a “Plan of Work” consistent with the Subcommittee’s mission.
2. Maintain an awareness of future technologies to prepare fire and rescue agencies consistent with the mission.
3. Identify opportunities to collaborate with FIRESCOPE stakeholders to limit duplication of effort.
4. Recommendations will be presented as standards that are based on an objective analysis.
5. Maintain currency of published products.
6. Maintain accurate confidential and non-confidential membership rosters for the Subcommittee.
7. Develop as necessary or required, position manuals, task books and other documents for use in filling ICS positions related to the Subcommittee’s mission.
8. Report to the FIRESCOPE Task Force Liaison assigned to the Sub Committee.

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 and 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.

Members are expected to participate in all organized meetings and events. Exceptions should be discussed with the Chair and Task Force Liaison.

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.

AD HOC Subcommittees

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

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 Sub Committee’s “Plan of Work.” Meetings will be held so they do not conflict with Task Force meetings.