

Meeting Minutes — September 24, 2026

FIREScope EMS Subcommittee

Overall Summary

- **First and foremost, thank you to FC Adrian Reyes and FC Dan Zimmerman for hosting our September meeting (LaCoFD).**
- Chief Davis has been promoted to Division Chief.
- Officer succession, roster accuracy, member participation, and December South Operations attendance are immediate governance priorities.
- Our EMS Subcommittee will revise our mission statement to emphasize statewide operational guidance, best practices, standards, and Task Force approval rather than policy development.
- The former ICS 702 document is now OSD 152-2. All legacy references to “702” should be updated for continuity and consistency.
- Planning for the next annual work cycle will continue through the Plan of Work, Smartsheet, and the EMS committee’s Google Drive.

Attendees and Committee Members

- Adrian Reyes — Captain, Los Angeles County Fire Department
- Dan Zimmerman — Captain, Los Angeles County Fire Department; EMS Bureau (**Stepping up as the new FIREScope EMS Subcommittee Chair**)
- David Loomis — Former EMS FC, current field FC, Ontario Fire Department; outgoing Chair and fifth-year FIREScope member (**Thank you FC Loomis for all of your years of continuous service**)
- Dave Frattus — San Bernardino County Fire
- Matt Conroy — EMS Battalion Chief, Los Angeles City Fire Department
- Ricky Harvey — CAL FIRE; (**stepping up to serve as Vice Chair**)
- Aron Bothwell — EMS Battalion Chief, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department
- Steve Freeland — Current FIREScope EMS Secretary
- Scott Mullenbrook — Glendale; committee advisor planning to retire
- Ray McQueen — EMS Battalion Chief, OCFA (**will be serving as Secretary going forward**)
- Michael Lamonica — CAL FIRE Deputy Chief

Governance and Task Force Direction

- Organizational flow: Board of Directors → Task Force → Subcommittee.
- The Task Force is handling charter-related work so subcommittees can advance work consistently.
- Subcommittees are encouraged to develop meaningful, relevant work rather than waiting for a formal assignment.
- Committee chairs coordinate regularly, and changes to the Board of Directors and Task Force are expected.
- Only one member per agency may vote. Current biographies and rosters are required for eligibility and accuracy. EMS Subcommittee will need to ensure rosters and positions are updated.
- Officer terms are one year, and members accepting leadership roles are expected to participate consistently. Committee Chair is two years.

Officer Succession and Responsibilities

- Officer elections are a priority because David Loomis will rotate out as Chair; Ontario Fire Department representation may also end (potentially) and rotate to Anaheim FD. More to come from FC Loomis and subsequent discussions.
- The Chair facilitates meetings, coordinates with Chief Davis at least monthly, prepares agendas using Task Force input, and ensures representation at MDAC and EMSA Commission meetings.
- The Vice Chair steps into the Chair role when needed. Pat currently fills the role at Chief Davis's direction; Ricky Harvey (Cal Fire) is willing to serve as Vice Chair.
- The Secretary prepares agendas and minutes, maintains biographies and rosters, submits flyers, and manages records using Smartsheet and Google Drive. Steve Freeland is the current Secretary; Ray McQueen is willing to assume the role.
- Leadership will review vacancies created by retirements and transitions, including Scott Mullenbrook's expected retirement, and determine the next Chair.

December South Operations Meeting

- The South Operations meeting is scheduled for December 7–10, 2026.
- The incoming Chair and Vice Chair are expected to attend.
- Members must attend at least two of the four meetings in person to remain active with FIREScope; attendance requirements will be enforced.

Mission Statement Review

Current Mission Statement

“The FIREScope Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Subcommittee has been established to develop procedures and policies based on the approval of the Task Force. The group will strive to produce products utilizing a best practice model, free of political or geographical bias, drawing upon the experience and knowledge experienced in the delivery of public service by all members in accordance with all FIREScope policies and procedures.”

Last posted: January 15, 2026

Committee Direction

- BC Conroy recommended distinguishing the Subcommittee’s operational role from organizations such as Cal Chiefs EMS.
- The statement should position the Subcommittee as an authoritative statewide source for EMS operational guidance.
- The revision should emphasize guidance, best practices, standards, and procedures rather than policy.
- The updated statement will be submitted to Chief Davis and incorporated into the Plan of Work.

Proposed Mission Statement — September 24, 2026

“The mission of the FIREScope Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Subcommittee is to develop consensus-based EMS guidelines and recommendations, subject to Task Force approval. Drawing upon the diverse experience of our members, we provide objective, standardized guidance, free of political or geographical bias, in accordance with the FIREScope Decision Process.”

EMS Data, Quality Improvement, and Representation

- Dr. Kazan (LaCoFD Medical Director) discussed using NEMSIS data to establish statewide quality metrics.
- An example showed aspirin documented in approximately 60% of myocardial infarction cases; when aspirin is not administered, the reason must be recorded.
- Los Angeles County-area CARES data indicates an approximately 45% bystander CPR rate.

- Accurate documentation allows the data to identify performance gaps and improvement opportunities.
- The current NEMSIS standard is version 3.5.1. Requirements such as arrival-at-patient time are shaped through national standards discussions.
- The Subcommittee should participate in state and national forums to ensure the fire-service EMS perspective is represented.
- EMSA Commission discussions include strong physician and hospital participation but limited fire-department paramedic representation; stronger fire-service EMS participation is needed.
- The committee should consistently identify and promote itself as the FIREScope EMS Subcommittee.
- See additional Notes by Dr. Kazaan (LaCoFD Medical Director)

Project and Technical Workstream Updates

OSD 152-2 and Equipment Standardization

- **Former ICS 702 / OSD 152-2:** Complete the document update, renumber it, provide tracked changes for review, and cross-reference all legacy “702” references to OSD 152-2 to prevent confusion.
- **REMS and Fireline EMS caches:** The Subcommittee recommends aligning the Fireline EMT/Fireline Medic equipment complement with the REMS equipment complement. David Loomis will follow up with Chief Davis to confirm support.
- **Interstate controlled substances:** Chief Harvey noted that REMS teams cannot issue narcotics across state lines without first contacting the applicable DEA authority. This does not affect line medics who are not deployed out of state, but it is a consideration for strike teams with a designated ALS unit.
- **EMS products and OSDs:** Continue reviewing Zoll, LIFEPAK, emerging technologies, applicable OSDs, and FOG position descriptions for operational currency.
- **Tactical EMS:** The January goal was met, but the state Tactical EMS Committee has been suspended until further notice.
- **MCI FOG review:** The MCI material and FOG manual were reviewed in February; no significant updates were identified.
- **Intentional Multi-Casualty Incidents:** Continue research and development of an I-MCI white paper and related operational guidance.

- **Future priorities:** Continue terrorism/MCI planning into 2027, complete lithium-ion battery work, explore standardized medical-unit trailer typing, and identify additional all-hazard EMS projects.

Records and Collaboration Tools

- The Plan of Work is due in December and will be maintained in Smartsheet.
- The updated mission statement and meeting minutes should be preserved in the committee's Google Drive.
- Ray McQueen will learn the Smartsheet workflow and Google Drive records process.
- The Secretary and Vice Chair have access to these tools.
- FIREScope EMS Subcommittee Google Drive

Action Items

- David Loomis: confer with Chief Davis on current action items, the revised mission statement, OSD 152-2, and REMS/Fireline equipment standardization.
- Leadership: confirm the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary succession plan and fill roster vacancies.
- Secretary: maintain current biographies, roster records, agendas, minutes, flyers, Smartsheet entries, and Google Drive files.
- Chair and Vice Chair: attend the December 7–10 South Operations meeting.
- Subcommittee: update all “702” references to OSD 152-2 and complete the renumbered document with tracked changes.
- Subcommittee: obtain agency letters of support by December 2026.
- Subcommittee: maintain representation at MDAC, EMSA Commission, and relevant state and national standards meetings.
- Subcommittee: continue work on I-MCI, terrorism/MCI planning, lithium-ion battery issues, medical-unit trailer typing, EMS product currency, OSDs, and FOG position descriptions.
- David Loomis: update the Plan of Work for the next annual cycle.

FIREScope EMS Subcommittee 2026 Plan of Work

EMS Subcommittee 2026 Work Plan

Work Task	Action / Deliverable	Assigned To	Projected Completion	Actual Completion
Review and Update Charter	Review and update the charter.	Loomis	November 2026	—
Provide Roster	Update and submit the current roster.	Loomis	November 2026	—
Provide Plan of Work	Update and submit the annual Plan of Work.	Loomis	November 2026	—
Agency Letters of Support	Obtain a letter from each agency's Fire Chief and upload it to Smartsheet.	Loomis	December 2026	—
Review EMS Product Currency	Review and update EMS products for operational currency.	All	Annual — June 2026	—
Update EMS Operations System Descriptions	Review and update applicable OSDs.	All	Annual — June 2026	—
FOG Position Descriptions	Review and update applicable position descriptions.	All	Annual	—
Tactical EMS	Identify and provide a representative to the State TEMS Committee; define the scope of work.	Loomis	January 2026	—
S-223 Course Curriculum	Review and update the curriculum.	All	Annual	—
Review MCI Content in the FOG Manual	Review the MCI section and create an OSD.	All	June 2026	—
Research Intentional Multi-Casualty Incidents (I-MCI)	Create white paper.	All	August 2026	—

Complete Update of the	Provide the revised document with tracked changes for review and	All	February 2026	November 2025
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Former 702 Document	cross-reference legacy “702” references to OSD 152-2.			
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Roundtable

FC Loomis: The fourth and final meeting of the year will be the December workshop. Priorities include updating the committee roster and member biographies; selecting a date for the first 2027 meeting; drafting the 2027 meeting schedule; assigning responsibilities; and defining the objectives and deliverables for OSD 152-2 (formerly the 702 document).

I-MCI: Develop a broad overview of recommended best practices for implementing intentional multi-casualty incident procedures.