



Task Force Meeting February 2026

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Hosted By:

Long Beach Fire Dept.

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Members

Robert Rezende (SND)

Angel Prieto (BLM)

Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)

Caryn Petty (CDF)

Tim Adams (ANA)

Dan Coyle (MNL)

Jett Schuster (BDC)

Steve Davis (SBC)

Cary Wright (KRN)

Brett Russel (BSH)

Scott Lewis (SCR)

Brian Duffy (TLC)

Jim Henery (ORC)

Matt Brown (CNT)

Cathy Johnson (OES)

Pedro Arreguin (VNC)

Chris St. Pierre (USFS)

Derrick Chapman (LAC)

Dave Semple (CDF)

Guy Tomlinson (LFD)

Guests

Jim Johnstone (OES)

Shin Oh (MNL)

Welcome, Introductions, Logistics, and Pledge.....Adams (ANA)



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I. Moment of Silence for Firefighters LODDs

David Haverdink, Hamilton Fire Dept., Hamilton, MI, December 25th, 2025

Brittany Hathaway, Cliff-Gila Fire Dept., Cliff, NM, January 22nd, 2026

Keith Long, District of Columbia Fire and EMS, Washington, DC, February 4th, 2026

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

- II. **Agenda Review and Additions**.....Brown
- III. **Review and Approval of Previous Task Force Meeting Minutes**..... St. Pierre
 - A. Motion to Approve by Petty, Second Tomlinson
- IV. **Task Force Update**.....Brown
 - A. Ops Meeting next month. Finalize documents before March to review at the the next TF Meeting
- V. **Ops Team Update**.....Johnstone
 - A. No Updates
- VI. **Cal OES Update**.....Johnson
 - A. Cal IMT6 assigned to TN Snow/Ice Storms thru FEMA
 - B. Mobilization of Preposition resources to Santa Clara County
- VII. **OSFM SFT Report**.....Petty
 - A. CCR, Title 19/Procedures Manual
 - a. Updates: all new/updated curriculum, CIRM retirement, addition of Index Guides, editorial amendments. Expected February 2026.
 - B. Annual Report FY 2024
 - a. Available online: [State Fire Training- Annual Report 2025](#)
 - C. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Workgroup:
 - a. Subject Matter Experts to participate in a work group that will review best safe practices and recommend BESS updates to SFT curriculum. The OSFM has recommended Fire Service Training and resources which can be found [here](#).
 - D. STEAC January 2026
 - a. NWCG Alignment – new instructor/website access. SFT assessment of reciprocal courses.
 - b. S-420 reintroduced as pilot course at Fresno Symposium



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- c. ALA Reaccreditations: LA County FD, Livermore-Pleasanton FD

E. Updates

- a. Behavioral Health and Cancer Awareness (2025)
 - i. [Behavioral Health and Cancer Awareness Staff Report](#)
 - ii. January 2026 implementation
- b. Pending SBFS Approval in February 2026
 - i. Prevention Series – Approved by STEAC January 2026
 - a. [First Responder Inspector / Fire Inspector](#)
 - b. [Fire Marshal / Fire Plans Examiner](#)
- c. Cadres
 - i. Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Series – virtual cadre underway
 - ii. Ethics – Feb 2026
- d. Fire Officer Series Administrative Update – Implementation Plan
 - i. **Info Bulletin and Course Plan delivery modality guidance**
 - ii. Retirement dates remain effective:
 - a. [Fire Officer 2](#) (formerly Company Officer)
 - i. CO (2014) retires Dec 31, 2026
 - ii. In-process candidate Task Books due Dec 31, 2027
 - b. [Fire Officer 3](#) (formerly Chief Fire Officer)
 - i. CFO (2014) retires June 30, 2026
 - ii. In-process candidate Task Books due June 30, 2027
 - c. [Fire Officer 4](#) (formerly Executive Chief Fire Officer)
 - i. ECFO (2014) retires Dec 31, 2025
 - ii. In-process candidate Task Books due Dec 31, 2026
 - d. **NOTE: Existing coursework series aligns with new Task Books**

VIII. Old Business/Projects Updates

- A. FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Sales – App Update.....Johnson
 - a. New App Revision Analytics.....Johnson
 - b. FOG 3.0 roll-outJohnson
 - i. No changes
 - ii. Paper FOG is still available
 - iii. Discussion:
 - 1. Targeting 2027 for implantation. Chief Brown to connect with Ops and BoD.
 - c. FOG Items and Digital Changes.....St. Pierre
 - i. It has been approved to move forward.
 - ii. Ch. Johnson to add inventory of digital changes to smart sheets



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- B. Additional members to subcommittees.....All
 - a. Duffy: Review proposed roster (8 Members) to newly formed CRR Subcommittee
 - i. Motion to approve all new members Lewis / Second Schuster
 - ii. Liaisons are still recruiting for this subcommittee. Additional members to be presented in March, 2026
 - iii. Chief Johnstone to reach out to Op's Team to fill the vacant roster positions
 - b. Coyle: Proposed to add Chief Ian Crossley from (MTB) to TS&R Subcommittee
 - i. Duffy/Davis
 - c. : Proposed to add Chief Jordan Roberts from (SBC) to CAD to CAD Subcommittee
 - i. Lewis/Adams

- C. FIRESCOPE Task Request Form.....St. Pierre
 - a. Current task tracking
 - i. HEAT
 - ii. Helicopter Typing
 - iii. Mobile Communications Typing
 - iv. Membership Decision Process Job Aid
 - v. Mopup Standards

 - b. Application to current tasks, updates.....Rezende/Brown

- D. 2026 Quarterly Briefs.....Rezende
 - a. April QB (Solicitation of Topics/Photos)

- E. HZSO Whitepaper (Update).....Rezende
 - a. Hazmat Subcommittee meeting in March and will provide an update then.

- F. TS&R Document Review.....Coyle
 - a. RTFs and Historical Recognition (Discussion).....Coyle
 - i. It is recognized that historical recognition is at the discretion of CICC TF/PACE V Committee
 - ii. Adams recommends that this document remain in the document package for informational purposes only, not for FIRESCOPE decision process.
 - iii. Johnstone recommends that the subcommittee edit the white paper with clear language that ensures this document is for informational purposes only.



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- iv. Brown reviews the historical context of the standard and implementation timeline.
- v. Brown requests an executive summary paragraph to the Historical Recognition White Paper and will brief this topic out to the Ops and BoD at their next meeting.
- b. Arbor Rescue ICS 162-5 (Discussion)Coyle
 - i. Review subcommittee edits
 - ii. Motion to Approve document as written Adams / Second Schuster
- c. Animal Rescue ICS 162-3 (BoD Approval).....Coyle
- d. Tower Rescue ICS 162-2 (BoD Approval).....Coyle
 - i. No changes to ICS 162-2 or 162-3. Moving to Ops Team for approval
- G. Collaborative Statewide Fuels Reduction White Paper (Ops Update)....Brown/Johnstone
 - a. Discussion of track changes version returned to the Task Force from the Ops Team
 - b. Task Force to review the recommended changes and provide additional track changes ASAP. StPierre to combine changes and deliver to Chief Johnstone.
- H. MACS 410-3 Predictive Services (BoD Approval).....St. Pierre
 - a. BoD approved document pending additional language regarding Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS) & Red Flag Warning (RFW) criteria.
 - b. Edits were completed and posted on the FIRESCOPE website.
- I. CAD to CAD Typing (Discussion).....D'Arcy
 - a. The Subcommittee Chair presented a Draft White Paper. Semple recommends referring to the typing as a standard, removing references of a typing system and placing the document into the White Paper Template.
 - b. Motion to approve CAD to CAD Typing Standard White Paper with recommended edits above. Motion Adams / Second Henrey
 - c. Moving White Paper and Typing Standard to Ops Team
- J. Wildland Pre-Plan White Paper (BoD Approval).....Duffy
 - a. Document approved at the January BoD. CalOES moving on funding and implementation.
- K. ICS 400-1 (Discussion).....Johnstone
 - a. Discussion of adding the concept of a position paper to the ICS 400-1. No decision, information only.
- L. Maritime OSD (BoD Approval).....D'Arcy
 - a. Document approved at the January BoD. No additional action noted for the TF.
- M. ICS 500 Structure Fire Operations (Discussion)



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- a. Ops Team recommendation is to add "...one of whom may be the company officer..." to the first bullet of Command (Establish): Heading
- b. Review NIOSH 5 principles within the document & courses of action for command
- c. This discussion was informational in nature, no decision required by Task Force
- d. Edits will be finalized by the Ops Team and go to the BoD for approval.

IX. Current BOD Tasking

- A. Mop-Up Standards.....Adams
 - a. Wildland Subcommittee is aware of the tasking. A Draft tasking has been established. Additional leaders intent to be requested of the Ops Team & BoD.
- B. HEAT (Heavy Equipment All-Hazard Task Force).....Henery
 - a. Charter (BoD Approval)
 - i. Charter and Plan of work has been approved by the BoD.
 - b. HEAT White Paper (BoD Approval)
 - c. Roster Solicitation (BoD Approval)
 - i. Foundational members established. Seeking additional members to complete the Ad-Hoc roster.
 - d. Next meeting is hosted at OCFA in April.
- C. Helicopter Typing White Paper (Discussion).....Semple
 - a. Recommendation to divide the Type 1 standard to best reflect current agency owned and contractually available aircraft.
 - i. Type 1(Heavy)
 - ii. Type 1
 - b. Discussion of alignment with national standard and coordination with NWCG.
- D. Frequency Data Integration.....Johnson
 - a. NWCG is moving to an Enterprise Database where frequencies will no longer ordered via "A-Number"
 - i. Shifting to an "F-Number" for Frequency requests
 - ii. Task Force will add this to an executive summary, consider adding to the Comm. Subcommittee program of work.

X. New Business

- A. Legacy BK Phase Out (BoD Approval).....Prieto
 - a. Phase Out White Paper was approved by the BoD
 - b. Recommendation to begin implementation in 2028
 - c. Motion to Approve document as written by the Communication Subcommittee, Schuster / Second Lewis



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- B. MACS 410-4 Update (Discussion).....Johnstone
 - a. Completed
- C. UAS with US&R and Maritime (Discussion).....Chapman
 - a. Completed
- D. Cancer Prevention and Biology Education (BoD Approval).....Wright
 - a. Completed
- E. Li-Ion Battery Sub-Committee Transition White Paper (BoD Approval).....Rezende
 - a. Charter
 - i. Will be developed at the SC's first meeting in April (TBA)
 - b. Roster Solicitation
 - i. Rezende to reach out to other federal agencies as SME/Associate Advisors
 - c. Approved Energy Subcommittee to replace Li-Ion Battery SC
- F. Work Flow for TF Validation of New Members.....Adams
 - a. Flow Chart to be developed by Rezende and St.Pierre
- G. FIRESCOPE Awards (Discussion).....Brown
 - a. Replenish account at April Task Force Meeting

XI. Specialist Committees and Subcommittee Reports.....All

Health and Safety Specialist Committee		
Subcommittee	Liaison	Next Meeting Date
Incident Safety	Schuster/Adams	2/18 & 19, 2026
Behavioral Health	Wright	2/24, 2026
Cancer Prevention	Wright	2/24, 2026
Special Operations Specialist Committee		
Subcommittee	Liaison	Next Meeting Date
Technical Search and Rescue	Coyle	5/6 & 7, 2026



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Maritime Operations	Lewis	2/17 & 18, 2026
Hazardous Materials	Rezende	3/4 & 3/5, 2026
Energy	Rezende	April TBA, 2026
HEAT (Ad-Hoc)	Henrey	April TBA, 2026
Information Technology Specialist Committee		
Subcommittee	Liaison	Next Meeting Date
GIS	Arreguin	3/31, 4/1-2, 2026
Predictive Services	St.Pierre / Duffy	3/18 & 19, 2026
Communications	Prieto	Not Available
Emerging Info Tech (EIT)	Brown	Not Available
CAD to CAD (Ad-Hoc)	D'Arcy	Not Available
Emergency Operation Specialist Committee		
Subcommittee	Liaison	Next Meeting Date
EMS	Davis	2/19, 2026
Structure Fire	Henrey	4/1, 2 & 3, 2026
Wildland Fire	Adams/Semple	5/5 & 6, 2026
Wildland Preplan (Ad-Hoc)	Duffy	Not Available
Air Operations Specialist Committee		
Subcommittee	Liaison	Next Meeting Date
Aviation Operations	Chapman/Semple	3/18 & 19, 2026
Unmanned Aerial System	Chapman/Semple	3/18 & 19, 2026
Training and Education Specialist Committee		
Subcommittee	Liaison	Next Meeting Date



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CSFM Training	Petty	2/17, 2026
STEAC	Petty	Not Available
CICCS	Lewis	4/2 & 3, 2026
CCR	Duffy	2/24, 2026

- a. Wildland Subcommittee recommends a consolidated FIRESCOPE Glossary
- b. Forester & Fire Wardens May 7th & 8th, 2026

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

- A. March 10/11, Santa Rosa TF, Menlo Park – Coyle
- B. April 13/14, 2026 Truckee TF, Santa Clara Co. – Brown
- C. May 12/13, 2026 MACS Training and TF Meeting, OCFA – Henery
- D. June 9/10 2026 TF, San Diego, SDFD – Rezende
- E. July 7/8, 2026 TF, Lake Arrowhead, SBCoFD – Schuster
- F. August 11/12, 2026 TF, Los Gatos, Santa Clara Co. – Brown
- G. September 8/9, 2026 TF, San Francisco, SFFD – D’Arcy
- H. October 13/14, 2026 TF, Laguna Beach, AFD – Adams
- I. November 10/11, 2026 TF, Paso Robles, SBC – Davis
- J. December 7/8/9/10, 2026 TF&SC Workshop SOPS, CALFIRE - Semple

XIII. Future Ops Team and Board of Directors Meetings.....All

- A. March 11/12 Ops Team Santa Rosa
- B. April 15/16 BoD Sacramento (Mclellan AFB)
- C. June 10/11 Ops Team San Diego
- D. July 8/9 BoD Lake Arrowhead
- E. September 9/10 Ops Team San Francisco
- F. October 14/15 BoD Anaheim

XIV. Roundtable.....All

- A. San Diego: No Significant updates
- B. San Francisco: No Significant department updates. Review of Super Bowl successes



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- C. Anaheim: Continue outreaching for Small/Medium membership
- D. Menlo Park: No Significant updates
- E. San Bernardino County: Potentially nearing a 3% vacancy rate. Promotions will continue to include outside (lateral engineer outreach).
- F. Santa Barbara County: Leadership changes. Pat Byde to serve at the OPs Team
- G. Kern: Staffing and promotions update
- H. Tulare County: potentially replacing Chief Duffy TF position. Transition to begin in Q3 of 2026. Added a 4th Battalion Chief position and an additional 2/0 station staffing. Review of Force Hiring Policies.
- I. OCFA: New Interim Fire Chief TJ McGovern, Staffing
- J. Santa Clara County: Additional fire station, review of workers comp challenges, Institute of Health model, and successes of early cancer screening.
- K. Forest Service: Review of Interim Operations, alignment with WO and Leadership changes, Shared preparation for peak fire season.
- L. Dept. of Interior: No Update
- M. Los Angeles County: Preparation for upcoming planned events (FIFA, Olympics, etc.), Review of promotion and new position training challenges, Splitting equipment orders with multiple vendors to expedite delivery of apparatus.
- N. CALFIRE: Review of leadership changes, Aircraft Maintenance and Training.
- O. Los Angeles City FD: Review of leadership changes, 25 new battalion chiefs over the next 2 years. Preparation for upcoming planned events (FIFA, Olympics, etc.)

Motion to adjourn: Brown, second: Rezende