



# Task Force Meeting January 2026

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## Sacramento Fire Dept.

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Sacramento Fire Training Division  
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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)



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## Guests

Jim Johnstone (OES)                      Shin Oh (MNL)                      Ryan Edmonton (BLM)  
UAS Subcommittee Members: Frank Granados(ORC)                      Kristian Cavada (BDC)

**Welcome, Introductions, Logistics, and Pledge** Lewis (SCR)

### I. **Moment of Silence for Firefighters LODDs**

- Michael Ryan, Phoenicia Fire District, Phoenicia, NY, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Linzie “Scott” Collins, Richlands Fire and EMS, Richlands, VA, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Michael Boone, Northampton Fire Department, Northampton, PA November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Jim McCoy, Alderson Fire Department, Alderson OK, November 1st, 2025
- Danny Cook, CALFIRE/Riverside County FD, Riverside Ranger Unit, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**\*\*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: Chapman, Adams
- IV. **Task Force Update** Brown
  - A. Multiple documents going to the BOD
  - B. Chief Rezende promotion recognition
- V. **Ops Team Update** Johnstone
  - A. Next meeting is in March in Sonoma, CA
  - B. Discussion on RX Fire at Scale White Paper with Ops Team. February 1st deadline for edits back to the Task Force. Targeting a return to the Ops Team in March.
- VI. **Cal OES Update** Johnson
  - A. New Director, Christina Curry
  - B. Chief Zander Retirement 12/31
- VII. **OSFM SFT Report** Petty
  - A. **OSFM**
    - 1. Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Work Group met January 2026
    - 2. [SRA FHSZ/BC COMMUNICATION PLAN](#)



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3. AB1285 – SFM, Lithium-Ion Battery Facility
4. SB283 – Energy Storage Systems
5. AB841 – SFM, PPE Battery Fires

### B. Rezende is FIRESCOPE rep for this work group.

1. Provided an update on the work group.
2. Highlighted the deadline for September 2026 specific to the AB841.
  - a) He has volunteered to be the sub work group chair.

### C. SFT

1. Behavioral Health and Cancer Awareness (2025) curriculum is live now
  - a) BHCA2A instruction will begin in Southern region in Spring 2026
2. Fire Fighter 2 (2024) Task Book upload feature live via individual SFT User Portal (Acadis) accounts
3. Fire and Emergency Services Instructor IFSAC/Pro Board Certification Exams live now (limited to ALA/ARTP)
  - a) Fresno Symposium will host next FESI 1 event in March 2026

### D. **STEAC Update – last meeting 1/9/2026**

1. Entire **Prevention Curriculum Series** approved, goes to State Board of Fire Services in February 2026 for final vote
  - a) First Responder Inspector (formerly Inspector 1)
  - b) Fire Inspector (formerly Inspector 2)
  - c) Fire Marshal
  - d) Fire Plans Examiner
2. **NWCG and CA-Specific Curriculum Review and Alignment** – Information Only, no Consent vote
  - a) [NWCG Alignment Staff Report](#)
3. **Fire Officer Series Curriculum Review** – Information Only, no Consent vote
  - a) Update will be presented at STEAC April 2026
  - b) [Fire Officer Series Changes](#)
  - c) Update curriculum documents to provide clarity and guidance for instructors re: course delivery
  - d) Implementation of Hybrid/Cohort Application to be submitted with Course Request
  - e) Creation of Recommended Teaching Order and Information Bulletin by SFT



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4. **Accredited Academies Steering Committee** created – Information Only, no Consent vote
  - a) Established to review the SFT processes, regulations, and incorporated reference documents, as well as accreditation processes, to ensure currency and relevance.
5. **Reinstatement of S-420** to SFT catalog, requested by Cal Chiefs/California Training Officers
  - a) Pilot reinstatement approved to accommodate Fresno Symposium delivery

### VIII. Old Business/Projects Updates

- A. FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Sales – App Update Johnson
  1. Sales continue
  2. New App Revision Analytics
    - a) Projects are on hold and under review by the new director
  3. FIRESCOPE Website Update
    - a) Website Rosters & Bios have been updated on the FIRESCOPE site, new webmaster is refreshing the website
    - b) Charters and new subcommittees will be posted to the site after BOD approval
    - c) Discussion on Meeting Flyer edits to include travel
  4. FOG 3.0 roll-out Johnson
    - a) No update
  5. FOG Items and Digital Changes St. Pierre
    - a) It has been approved to move forward.
  
- B. Additional members to subcommittees All
  1. Prieto: Proposed to add Chief Gerry Olsen from BLM to EMS Subcommittee
    - a) Lewis/Davis
  2. Prieto: Proposed to add Chief Eric D'Amico from BLM to Wildland Subcommittee
    - a) Brown/Rezende
  3. Brown: Proposed to add Captain Ryan Edmonton from BLM to HEAT Ad Hoc Subcommittee pending a Bio
    - a) Brown/Chapman
  4. Chapman: Proposed to add Captain Denis Ware from Contra Costa County to UAS Subcommittee
    - a) Davis/Arreguin
  5. Davis: Proposed to add Captain James Mellor from Santa Barbara County to Wildland Subcommittee



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- a) Davis/Arreguin
- 6. Duffy: Discussion next month the TF should expect CCR membership review within the document package
- 7. Adams: Discussion on roster addition process. Requesting a flowchart be developed
  - a) Rezende: Motion for St.Pierre and Rezende to develop a White Paper & draft flowchart by the next Task Force Meeting.
  
- C. FIRESCOPE Task Request Form St. Pierre
  - 1. Current task tracking
    - a) HEAT
    - b) Helicopter Typing
    - c) Mobile Communications Typing
    - d) Membership Decision Process Job Aid
  
  - 2. Application to current tasks, updates Rezende/Brown
  
- D. 2025 Quarterly Briefs Rezende
  - 1. December QB (Solicitation Photos, Williams Fire)
  
- E. HZSO Whitepaper (Update) Rezende/Roberts/Brown
  - 1. 90% complete. Working with CICCIS for review
  
- F. TS&R Document Review Coyle
  - 1. RTFs and Historical Recognition (Update)
    - a) Motion (Davis/Lewis) to approve document pending implementation plan edit (start date will be initiated upon approval).
  - 2. OSD (Update)
    - a) Arbor Rescue ICS 162-5 (Update)
      - 1. Agency references are needed.
    - b) Animal Rescue ICS 162-3 (Update)
      - 1. Motion (Adams/Arreguin) to approve document pending date edit.
    - c) Tower Rescue ICS 162-2 (Update)
      - 1. Motion (Adams/Arreguin) to approve document pending date edit.
  
- G. Maritime OSD 167 (Going to BoD) D'Arcy
  - 1. Going to BoD for review, pending edits



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- H. Collaborative Statewide Fuels Reduction White Paper (Ops Update) Brown/Johnstone
  - 1. Expecting a document for TF to review in February
  
- I. MACS 410-3 Predictive Services (Going to BoD) St. Pierre
  - 1. No changes
  
- J. CAD to CAD Typing (Discussion) D'Arcy
  - 1. Presented White Paper discussing the need to shift the subcommittee into identifying and Typing standard for CAD.
  - 2. CAD typing standard will provide vendors with the minimum capabilities required.
  - 3. CAD ad hoc is also going to send a White Paper requesting to become an established CAD Subcommittee.
  - 4. Requesting additional members for the subcommittee, particularly with technical expertise.
  
- K. Wildland Pre-Plan White Paper (Going to BoD) Duffy
  - 1. No changes to the White Paper going to BoD
  - 2. Discussion of example end-user products
  
- L. MACS Document Control System 400-1 (Discussion) Johnstone
  - 1. Motion to add the concept of "Position Paper" to the 400-1
    - a) Rezende/Chapman

### IX. Current BOD Tasking

- A. HEAT (Heavy Equipment All-Hazard Task Force) Henery
  - 1. Charter, HEAT White Paper, Roster Solicitation (Going to BoD)
- B. Helicopter Typing White Paper (Discussion) Semple/MacFarland

### X. New Business

- A. Legacy BK Phase Out (Going to BoD) Prieto
  - 1. Seeking feedback from Federal Committees
- B. MACS 410-4 Update (Discussion) Johnstone
  - 1. On the agenda for BoD discussion this month
- C. UAS with US&R and Maritime (Discussion) Chapman
  - 1. Unification of training standards. The Subcommittee is working on a White Paper along with a recommended qualification standards
- D. Cancer Prevention and Biology Education (Going to BoD) Wright
  - 1. No additions to what was submitted to the BoD
- E. Li-Ion Battery Sub-Committee Transition White Paper (Going to BoD) Rezende



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1. No additions to what was submitted to the BoD
- F. EMS Subcommittee 702 Document Review Davis
  1. Task Force reviewed document, provided recommended edits to the EMS Subcommittee. Ensure consistency with ICS 162.

**XI. Specialist Committee and Subcommittee Reports All**

<u><b>Health and Safety</b></u>	<u><b>Special Operations</b></u>	<u><b>Incident Technology</b></u>
<b>Incident Safety</b> December 9/10, 2025	<b>Technical Search and Rescue</b> January 27/28, 2026	<b>GIS</b> February 5, 2026
<b>Behavioral Health</b> February 17, 2026	<b>Maritime Operations</b> February 17/18, 2026	<b>Predictive Services</b> March 18/19, 2026
<b>Cancer Prevention</b> May 26, 2026	<b>Hazardous Materials</b> March 3/4, 2026	<b>Communications</b> January 21/22, 2026
	<b>HEAT (Ad-Hoc)</b>	<b>Emerging Information Technology</b> February 3-5, 2026
	<b>Lithium-Ion (Ad-Hoc)</b> March 6, 2026	<b>CAD to CAD (Ad-Hoc)</b>
<u><b>Emergency Operations</b></u>	<u><b>Air Operations</b></u>	<u><b>Training and Education</b></u>
<b>EMS</b> February 19, 2026	<b>Aviation Operations</b> January 22/23, 2026	<b>CRR/FP</b> January 20, 2026
<b>Structure Fire</b> March 25/26, 2026	<b>Unmanned Aerial System</b> Spring 2026	<b>CSFM Training</b>
<b>Wildland Fire</b> February 2/3, 2026		<b>STEAC</b>
<b>Wildland Preplan (Ad-Hoc)</b> January 20, 2026		<b>CICCS</b>

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

- A. Meetings of interest
  1. Foresters and Fire Wardens May 7-8, 2026
  2. 2026 Fire Operations Technology Summit February 3-5, 2026

**XIII. 2026 Meeting Schedule**

- A. January 13/14, 2026 Sacramento TF, Sacramento FD – Lewis



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- B. February 10/11, 2026 Long Beach TF, Anaheim FD – Adams
- C. March 10/11, 2026 Santa Rosa TF/OPs, Menlo Park – Coyle
- D. April 13/14, 2026 Truckee TF, Santa Clara Co. – Brown
- E. May 12/13, 2026 MACS Training and TF Meeting, OCFA – Henery
- F. June 8/9 2026 TF/Ops San Diego, CA SDFD - Rezende
- G. July 6/7, 2026 TF Lake Arrowhead, SBCoFD- Schuster
  - 1. Task Force Alumni meeting - Rezende/Arreguin
- H. August 11/12, 2026 TF TBD
- I. September 14/17, 2026 TF/OPs San Francisco, SFFD- D’Arcy
- J. October 13/14, 2026 TF Laguna Beach, 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. 2026 Ops Team Schedule and Venues**

- A. March 11/12, 2026 Santa Rosa TF/Ops, Menlo Park – Coyle
- B. June 10/11, 2026 TF/Ops San Diego, CA SDFD - Rezende
- C. September 15/16, 2026 TF/OPs San Francisco, SFFD- D’Arcy
- D. December 9/10, 2026 SouthOps(TBD)

#### **XVI. 2026 Board Meeting Schedule and Venues**

- A. January 14/15 Sacramento – Hosted by Cal OES HQ
- B. April 15/16 Sacramento, McClellan AFB – Hosted by CAL FIRE
- C. July 8/9 Sacramento Cal OES HQ Lake Arrowhead – Hosted by San Bernardino Co. Fire
- D. October 14/15 Anaheim, – Hosted by Anaheim FD

#### **XVII. Roundtable**

All

- A. Motion to adjourn: Brown, second: Rezende