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Hosted By:

## Menlo Park Fire Protection District

Task Force Meeting Location  
Courtyard by Marriott Santa Rosa  
175 Railroad Street  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

## Microsoft Teams

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### Members

Robert Rezende (SND)  
Jett Schuster (BDC)  
Matt Brown (CNT)  
Angel Prieto (BLM)  
Steve Davis (SBC)  
Cathy Johnson (OES)  
Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)

Cary Wright (KRN) (V)  
Pedro Arreguin (VNC)  
Caryn Petty (CDF)  
Brett Russel (BSH) N/P  
Chris St. Pierre (USFS)  
Tim Adams (ANA)  
Scott Lewis (SCR) N/P

Derrick Chapman (LAC) (V)  
Dan Coyle (MNL)  
Brian Duffy (TLC)  
Dave Semple (CDF)  
Jim Henery (ORC) (V)  
Guy Tomlinson (LFD) (V)

### Guests

Jim Johnstone (OES)  
Tyson Lewis (TLC)  
James MacDonald (CNT)



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- I. Welcome, Introductions, Logistics, and Pledge ..... Coyle (MNL)
  
- II. Moment of Silence for Firefighters LODDs  
  
*Michael Mejia, National City Fire Dept., National City, CA, February 5th, 2026  
Howard Bennett, Camden Fire Dept., Camden NJ, February 5th, 2026  
Dale Malone, White Level Rural Fire Dept., Louisburg, NC, February 10th, 2026*  
  
**\*\*And all Law Enforcement Officers LODD\*\***
  
- III. Agenda Review and Additions ..... Brown
  
- IV. Review and Approval of Previous Task Force Meeting Minutes ..... St. Pierre
  - 1. Motion by Arreguin, Second Adams
  
- V. Task Force Update ..... Brown
  - 1. Intent provided on the MACS 400-1 Discussion
    - a. Will review in detail in this meeting and provide a recommendation to Ops Team
  - 2. Review of travel plans hosted by Truckee FD
  
- VI. Ops Team Update ..... Johnstone
  - 1. Review of Ops Agenda for March 11-12
  
- VII. Cal OES Update ..... Johnson
  - 1. New Director of Cal OES Caroline Thomas Jacobs
  - 2. Greg McQuine has accepted the West Covina Fire Chief position
    - a. Dave Stone & will be acting as Region I Coordinator
  - 3. Frequency Data Integration.....Johnson
    - a. Review of frequency inventory & “F” Number replacement of the “A” Number
      - i. National Initiative



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- b. MACS-441 & the Smokejumper Frequency Guide was used as part of the response to the national adoption
- 4. Local Gov't Priority Trainee Program
  - a. Application window March 15th to April 15th
  - b. CWCG will be sending out a letter to alert Dept's of the priority trainee program

### VIII. OSFM SFT Report..... Petty

- 1. **CCR, Title 19/Procedures Manual** - Will be published April 1, 2026.
- 2. **Blueprint 2030** - Available online: [State Fire Training - Blueprint 2030](#)
- 3. **Annual Report FY 2024** - Available online: [State Fire Training - Annual Report 2025](#)
- 4. **Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Workgroup:** 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](#).
- 5. **Curriculum**
  - a. **Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Series** – STEAC April 2026, live Fall 2026
  - b. **Ethics for Instructors** – STEAC April 2026, live Fall 2026
  - c. **Peer-Based Suicide Awareness** – CSUS partnership, asynchronous delivery coming Fall 2026
  - d. **Fire Officer Series**
    - i. Administrative Update:
      - 1. Implementation Plan
      - 2. Info Bulletin
      - 3. Course Plan adjustment
      - 4. Hybrid/Cohort Application
    - ii. Retirement dates remain effective:
      - 1. [Fire Officer 2](#) (formerly Company Officer)
        - CO (2014) retires Dec 31, 2026
        - In-process candidate Task Books due Dec 31, 2027
      - 4. [Fire Officer 3](#) (formerly Chief Fire Officer)



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- CFO (2014) retires June 30, 2026
- In-process candidate Task Books due June 30, 2027
- 5. [Fire Officer 4](#) (*formerly Executive Chief Fire Officer*)
  - ECFO (2014) retires Dec 31, 2025
  - In-process candidate Task Books due Dec 31, 2026
- 6. **Fire Academy Boot Camp**, late Feb 2026. Went well. Will deliver again in Fall 2026.

### IX. Old Business/Projects Updates

1. FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Sales – App Update.....Johnson
  - a. 7000 paper FOG's in the inventory, sales continue
  - b. New App Revision Analytics .....Johnson
    - i. Delayed
  - c. FOG 3.0 roll-out.....Johnson
    - i. Delayed
    - ii. 2027 marks the 5th year of the current version. The FOG would normally be updated in a 5 year interval. Making this roll-out urgently needed.
    - iii. Subcommittee documents are trending towards near real-time updates to documents, making the 5 year interval obsolete.
  - d. FOG Items and Digital Changes .....St. Pierre
    - i. No Additions
2. Additional members to subcommittees .....All
  - a. Duffy: Proposed to add Fire Inspector Nick Resendes from (VNC) to CRR Subcommittee, representing VNC
    - i. Motion by Adams/Second Davis
  - b. Duffy: Proposed to add Division Chief Kevin Riggi from (TLC) to CRR Subcommittee, representing Counties FD South
    - i. Motion by Adams/Second Davis
  - c. Duffy: Proposed to add Asst. Deputy Director Tim Spears from



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- (CDF/OSFM) to CRR Subcommittee, representing OSFM
  - i. Motion by Adams/Second Davis
- d. Brown: Proposed to add Captain Eric Scheffield from (CON) to HEAT Ad Hoc Subcommittee pending bio.
  - i. Eric Walder to requested to represent Fire Districts North
  - ii. Motion by Brown/Second Arreguin
- e. Petty: Proposed to add Captain Jody Geare from (CDF) to Behavioral Health
  - i. Motion by Reszende/Second Arreguin
- f. Additional Task Force Membership & Subcommittee Liaisons
  - i. Brown: Proposed to add Battalion Chief James "Whit" MacDonald (CON) to Task Force
    - 1. Appointed by Eric Walder to represent Fire Districts North
- 3. FIRESCOPE Task Request Form ..... St. Pierre
  - a. Current task tracking
    - i. HEAT
    - ii. Helicopter Typing
    - iii. Mobile Communications Typing
      - 1. Typing standards exist in VIPR
      - 2. Request is to reflect the FEMA standards
    - iv. Membership Decision Process Job Aid
    - v. Draft Mopup Standards
  - b. Application to current tasks, updates ..... Rezende/Brown
    - i. No requested updates or changes from the subcommittee
- 4. 2026 Quarterly Briefs ..... Rezende/St. Pierre
- 5. HZSO Whitepaper (Update) ..... Rezende
  - a. Scheduled on the agenda for the April CICCIS Meeting
    - i. Draft taskbook to be presented and/or adoption
    - ii. Identify what qualification will have the authority to recommend certification



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- iii. Adams: discussion on peer review guidance
- 6. TS&R Document Review..... Coyle
  - a. RTFs and Historical Recognition (Discussion)..... Coyle
    - i. Approved by TF last month. Brown to provide an information briefing to Ops Team
    - ii. CICCIS to provide decision
  - b. Arbor Rescue ICS 162-5 (Discussion) ..... Coyle
    - i. Approved by TF last month. Going to Ops for review/approval
    - ii. Wire diagram updated
- 7. Collaborative Statewide Fuels Reduction White Paper (Ops Update)..... Brown/Johnstone
  - a. Ops Team has edited the Draft White Paper since sent up from the Task Force
  - b. Taking an approach for the Ops Team to consider multiple solutions
    - i. Fuels rearrangement/reduction, Prescribed Fire, Agreement considerations, Partnerships, etc.
    - ii. Rezende: recommends bolstering the purpose / problem statement and set clear bulleted requested outcomes.
    - iii. Adams: consider breaking the White Paper up into more manageable topics
    - iv. Consider adding this to the CRR Subcommittee program of work after Ops discussion.
    - v. Johnstone: decision to review and seek guidance from the Ops Team
  - c. Track changes to be reviewed at the March Ops Team Meeting
- 8. CAD to CAD Typing (Discussion)..... D'Arcy
  - a. Moving White Paper and Typing Standard to Ops Team
  - b. OSD available for review by the Ops Team as well, not ready to present for a decision/approval
- 9. ICS 400-1 (Discussion) ..... Johnstone



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- a. Change description for the creation of a position paper as an alternative to white paper document
- b. ICS 400-1 discussion to generate definition of position paper for presentation to the Ops Team
- c. Motion to approve ICS 400-1 with updated position paper definition
  - i. Motion Rezende/ Second Duffy

### **X. Current BOD Tasking**

1. Mop-Up Standards .....Adams
  - a. Review task tracking form, seeking additional intent from Ops Team
2. Helicopter Typing White Paper (Discussion) ..... Semple
  - a. Review aviation subcommittee draft white paper
  - b. Discussion of the negative impacts of creating conflicting standards
  - c. Recommendation to move this document from white paper to a position paper that requests an update to the national standard
  - d. Consensus not obtained to move White Paper through the approval process as written.
  - e. Task Force will return this white paper back to the Aviation Subcommittee, update the task tracking sheet and provide additional intent via the TF Liaison.

### **XI. New Business**

1. MACS 441 Revision/Legacy BK Phase Out (BoD Approval).....Prieto
  - a. Survey conducted on who would be able meet the phase out timeline
  - b. Additional year was added to the MACS-441 for 2028 to be the new recommended phase out timeline
  - c. Motion to approve the MACS 441 with 2028 phase out timeline
    - i. Coyle/Second Arreguin
2. ICS 702 Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic.....Davis
  - a. Review EMS Subcommittee edits to the ICS 702
  - b. Task Force provided recommended edits. Approval targeted for July BoD



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3. Glutathione Informational Briefing ..... Wright
  - a. Shared educational material by the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center Office of Outreach and Education
  - b. Request to link this document in the April Quarterly Brief & FIRESCOPE Website
  - c. Decision to add this educational material to the QB only.
4. Workflow for TF Validation of New Members .....Rezende/St. Pierre
  - a. Edited document title FIRESCOPE Subcommittee Membership Flowchart
  - b. Recommend adding this document to 400-9 when its revision is due
5. FIRESCOPE Awards (Discussion).....Brown
  - a. \$20 cash due at April TF to get us caught up on awards
    - i. Coyle will be the collection point and will be delivered to Shelly at the April BoD
  - b. \$20 due at April TF for general TF funds
  - c. Schuster: recommended to go to \$60 Annually due at the January TF Meeting

### **XII. CWCG and FIRESCOPE Collaboration ..... Gogna**

1. Goal is to work closer together between FIRESCOPE and CWCG
2. CWCG Safety Group has been tasked with a Valley Fever Briefing Paper tasking, seeking an SME from FIRESCOPE to work collaboratively with the CWCG Safety Group
  - a. Schuster and Adams to recruit and fill from the FIRESCOPE Safety Subcommittee
3. Task Force Chair will request a tasking from the FIRESCOPE BoD in April
  - a. Cook: recommended that this gets out within the quarter
  - b. Add a slide to the April Quarterly Brief.

### **XIII. Specialist Committees and Subcommittee Reports..... All**

1. Health and Safety Specialist Committee



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| Subcommittee      | Liaison        | Next Meeting Date |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Incident Safety   | Schuster/Adams | April TBD, 2026   |
| Behavioral Health | Petty/Wright   | March 19, 2026    |
| Cancer Prevention | Wright/Petty   | May 26, 2026      |

### 2. Special Operations Specialist Committee

| Subcommittee                | Liaison | Next Meeting Date   |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Technical Search and Rescue | Coyle   | May 6 & 7, 2026     |
| Maritime Operations         | Lewis   | May 19 & 20, 2026   |
| Hazardous Materials         | Rezende | May 6, 2026         |
| Energy                      | Rezende | April 9, 2026       |
| HEAT (Ad-Hoc)               | Henrey  | April 28 & 29, 2026 |

### 3. Information Technology Specialist Committee

| Subcommittee             | Liaison           | Next Meeting Date       |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| GIS                      | Arreguin          | March 31- April 2, 2026 |
| Predictive Services      | St.Pierre / Duffy | March 18 & 19, 2026     |
| Communications           | Prieto            | April 22 & 23, 2026     |
| Emerging Info Tech (EIT) | Brown             | Not Available           |
| CAD to CAD (Ad-Hoc)      | D'Arcy            | Not Available           |

### 4. Emergency Operation Specialist Committee

| Subcommittee   | Liaison      | Next Meeting Date |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| EMS            | Davis        | June 25, 2026     |
| Structure Fire | Henrey       | April 13-15, 2026 |
| Wildland Fire  | Adams/Semple | May 5 & 6, 2026   |



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| Wildland Preplan (Ad-Hoc) | Duffy | Not Available |
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### 5. Air Operations Specialist Committee

| Subcommittee           | Liaison        | Next Meeting Date   |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Aviation Operations    | Chapman/Semple | March 18 & 19, 2026 |
| Unmanned Aerial System | Chapman/Semple | March 18 & 19, 2026 |

### 6. Training and Education Specialist Committee

| Subcommittee  | Liaison | Next Meeting Date |
|---------------|---------|-------------------|
| CSFM Training | Petty   | Not Available     |
| STEAC         | Petty   | Not Available     |
| CICCS         | Lewis   | April 2 & 3, 2026 |
| CRR           | Duffy   | March 24, 2026    |

## **XIV. Review of Upcoming Task Force Meetings ..... All**

1. March 10/11, Santa Rosa TF, Menlo Park – Coyle
2. April 13/14, 2026 Truckee TF, Santa Clara Co. – Brown
3. May 12/13, 2026 MACS Training and TF Meeting, OCFA – Henery
4. June 9/10 2026 TF, San Diego, SDFD – Rezende
5. July 7/8, 2026 TF, Lake Arrowhead, SBCoFD – Schuster
6. August 18/19, 2026 TF, Walnut Creek, Contra Costa Co. – MacDonald
7. September 8/9, 2026 TF, San Francisco, SFFD – D’Arcy
8. October 13/14, 2026 TF, Laguna Beach, ANA – Adams
9. November 10/11, 2026 TF, Paso Robles, SBC – Davis
10. December 7/8/9/10, 2026 TF&SC Workshop SOPS, CALFIRE - Semple



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### **XV. Future Ops Team and Board of Directors Meetings..... All**

1. March 11/12 Ops Team Santa Rosa
2. April 15/16 BoD Sacramento (McClellan AFB)
3. June 10/11 Ops Team San Diego
4. July 8/9 BoD Lake Arrowhead
5. September 9/10 Ops Team San Francisco
6. October 14/15 BoD Anaheim

### **XVI. Roundtable..... All**

1. San Diego: Review of leadership changes.
2. USWFS: Review of realignment, Preparedness and Hiring. Peter Kelly selected as the Geographic Area Fire Chief, working on Deputy Chief vacancies now. Brimsfield 2 year extension concludes in October. DPA discussions are ongoing.
3. Anaheim: New Ops Chief assigned to the FIRESCOPE Ops Team, Chief Grant Riley. Review of 2028 Olympics planning. Recruiting for Subcommittees and looking for a TF replacement for Small/Med Dept's.
4. Menlo Park: Challenges with NERIS Transition, no additional updates.
5. BDC: Graduated a tower class and added a station at Newberry Springs. Review of leadership changes.
6. SBC: New Ops Team member Chief Byde replacing Chief Soronetta.
7. Kern Co.: No Updates
8. Tulare Co.: Review of Type 3 readiness. Transitioned to First Due incident reporting. Discussion of different staffing applications. Replacing an existing fire station with a new building.
9. OCFA: Review of leadership changes, Hiring and Academy. Outreaching for a TF replacement for OCFA.
10. Santa Clara Co.: Acquisition of new property near Gilroy, CA. Expanded ALS coverage with this acquisition. Review of additional strategic acquisitions for logistics and training. Increase in Arson caused fires. Review of fleet



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decisions/planning. Discussion of cancer prevention and Incident Commander considerations for exposures & decontamination procedures.

11. CalOES: Review of preposition funding for FIFA. No additional updates
12. Ventura Co.: Retirement of Chief Cook announcement and other leadership changes. Ops Team replacement TBA. New fire station in Santa Paula & review of fleet planning. Challenges with Image Trend and NERIS transition.
13. Forest Service: Review of activity outside of CA, Review of Interim Operations, Alignment with WO and Leadership changes, Targeting preparedness and maximum resource capability.
14. LA County: No Updates
15. CALFIRE: No Update
16. LAFD: Vince Alvarado to replace Chief Fligel on the Ops Team. Review of other leadership changes.