



## **FIRESCOPE OPERATIONS TEAM Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 1300-1700  
Thursday, September 11, 2025, 0900-1200  
San Diego Fire & Rescue Department

### **Welcome/Roll Call**

O'Brien

Members Present: Operations Team

Ahearn (USFS)	Fligiel (LFD)	Stornetta (SBC)
Taylor (Lg. Cities North)	Cook (VNC)	Sheppard (Mutual Aid IV)
Johnstone (Cal OES)	Steers (KRN)	Heggstrom (Mutual Aid III)
Serna (Fire Dist. South)	McClellan (Small City South)	McLaughlin (County South)
Kaialoa (Mutual Aid II)	O'Brien (LAC)	Brinsfield (BLM)
Barnes (Cal Chiefs)	Henning (SFM/SFT)	Harper (Fire Districts North)
Eddy (Lg. Cities South)	McGovern (ORC)	Nishimoto (Mutual Aid II)
Nolan (CAL FIRE)	Vanlandingham (Small City North)	

Others Present: Task Force & Specialist Groups

Johnson (OES)	Rezende (SND)	Coyle (MNL)
Serrano (BDC)	Roberts (LFD)	Chapman (LAC)
Brown (CNT)	Semple (CAL FIRE)	

## **Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics** – O'Brien/Eddy

### **Agenda Review** – O'Brien

### **\*Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes** – O'Brien

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Approved

### **Task Force Report** – Serrano

- \*FIREScope Quarterly Brief Draft  
Approved
- \*ICS 1302 – Multi-Band Radio Cloning Job Aid & White Paper  
Approved with the additions of cost and feature sets
- \*Haz Mat Safety Officer White Paper  
Tabled
- \*ICS 1150 – Lithium-Ion Battery Emergencies Operational Guide  
Approved
- \*MACS 410-4 Task Tracking Addition  
Approved
- \*FIREScope Field Operations Guide App Reorganization White Paper  
Approved
- \*ICS 851 – UAS Incursions During Emergency Events  
Approved
- \*Wildland Fuels Management White Paper  
Not presenting to the October BoD. Tasking to create an amended White Paper for presentation at the January 2026 BoD Meeting.

### **Subcommittee and Specialist Group Status Update Reports**

#### **Old Business**

- FIREScope Mutual Aid Coordination Team Update – Walder
  - Met on July 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Looking at the governor's executive order progress maps and a phase one draft report.

#### **New Business**

- Update on Fire Resource Ordering Process Workgroup – Cook/McGovern
  - Group has met several times.
  - Working on several items.
  - Moving on to elements of Phase 2.

- Evaluating the process for mobilizing and assigning resources for specific time periods.
  - Evaluating and identifying the notification mechanism to alert fire departments to pending resource and order requests.
  - Discussed the rules of IROC.
  - IROC is not an emergency response tool anymore.
  - Looking at which vendors are capable of building an improved ordering system. Many companies have been reaching out.
- Awareness: Potential Helicopter Typing Tasking to Aviation Subcommittee – To be an agenda item and possible tasking at the October Board meeting – MacFarland
  - Briefing paper that you may have received regarding aircraft typing was not an official tasking from the BoD to the Aviation Subcommittee.
  - Trying to identify some of the problems with current typing of aircraft and solutions going forward.
  - ICS typing of the Type I helicopters hasn't been reviewed for years in its entirety.
  - Trying to identify a better way to type or sub type the aircraft to make sure that the incident can order exactly what they want.
  - A yearlong project. Requires coordination with NIMS, NWCG and FEMA.
  - May go back and revisit all typing of aircraft that we are operating today and into the future. What are the needs of the incident?
  - Future agenda item for the BoD.
- \*Incident Overhead Positions - Extension/Replacement/Rotation Discussion (e.g. REMS Modules) – Cal OES Job Aid – Johnstone/Coyle
  - Discussed REMS Modules.
  - Discussed using the system to find the closest available resource.
  - Consistency is important in order replacements.
  - For more information, refer to your document packet.
- Presentations
  - F.A.S.T. App Update – Zander
  - Heavy Equipment All-Hazard Task Force (HEAT) – Juback/Perrault

## Updates and Reports

- CAL FIRE
  - Experiencing a “normal” fire season. Steadily busy year.
  - Looking at 200,000 strikes across the state for June, July and August.
  - In the north specifically a couple of records were broken for the number of strikes.
  - In the last two weeks of August, the north had around 500 fires.
  - 90% of the fires were caught under an acre or less.
  - Had about 4,000 lightning yesterday in the North Pacific causing 15 fires.
- USFS – Ahearn
  - Discussed preposition resources that come from outside of California
  - A team just completed an assignment in the Sierra National Forest outside of Frazier. They did an amazing job.
  - Going into the national system
  - Working together with state and federal resources.
- Office of State Fire Training – Henning
  - Working on an emergency rule making package, part 7 which is the new outline for California wildland urban interface code.
  - Replacing chapter 7A in the building code.
  - LRA in the prior high severity zones.
  - Health and Safety Code 13108.5 which will become effective January 1, 2026.
  - Discussed AB 130.
  - Updating the behavioral health cancer awareness courses that rolled out in 2020. Eliminating the 3A course.
  - Rebranding the courses and certifications to fire officer II. Same naming convention that NFPA uses.
  - Wildfire prevention grants application period closed on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Currently reviewing those applications.
  - At capacity for fireworks storage. Firework disposal with EPA operation next week.
  - Hosting a Battery Energy Storage Systems Fire Safety Symposium on July 24<sup>th</sup> in Nashville TN from 8am-5pm. Registration on their website.
  - New 2025 codes were approved by the Building Standards Commission. Published on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Implemented by January 1, 2026.

- Working on future code changes.
- Discussed 2025 Training.
- Setting up a new wildfire prevention grant solicitation to be launched in the next couple of weeks.
- Large firework seizure in Commerce going into Memorial Day weekend. Filled up all the capacity in Southern California.
- NWCG NIMS Integration Committee - Gerboth
  - Working on reorganization.
  - Addressing increasing demands and system complexities, and compliance with environmental and legislative change. Ensuring the foundation of interagency wildland fire interoperability continues.
  - Aims to advance NWCG's core mission, enhance interagency coordination, and maximize system efficiencies, resulting in significant workload reductions.
  - The intent is to complete the restructure by the Annual Meeting in February 2026.
  - You can participate by sharing your input and feedback through your primary committee's Chair or Vice-Chair. A feedback response form will be provided to those representatives.
  - Restructuring is essential to streamline operations and enhance collaboration across agencies.
- NFPA – Neamy
  - No report
- CWCG Operations – Steers
  - The teams have been extremely busy the last month. Rotated through the 10 teams twice.
  - Currently have teams in Oregon dealing with some dynamic incidents.
  - The group is getting more formalized and organized.
  - Chief Fennessy will be sitting down with the CWCG Parent Group.
  - Discussed what CWCG component of type 3 teams looks like.

**Next Ops Team Meeting**

December 4, 2025.

Los Angeles/Los Angeles Fire Dept.

**Next Board of Director's Meeting**

October 8 & 9, 2025

January 14 & 15, 2026

Brooks/BIA & Yocha Dehe Fire Dept.

Mather/Cal OES Headquarters

**Roundtable**

**Adjourned Day 1 at 1558**

**Adjourned Day 2 at 1215**

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