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San Francisco Fire Department Division of Training
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San Francisco, CA 94110

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Members

Robert Rezende (SND)	Cary Wright (KRN)	Derrick Chapman (LAC)
Jett Schuster (BDC)	Pedro Arreguin (VNC)	Dan Coyle (MNL)
Matt Brown (CNT)	Caryn Petty (CDF)	Tyson Lewis (TLC)
Angel Prieto (USWFS)	Brett Russel (BSH)	Dave Semple (CDF)
Steve Davis (SBC)	Chris St. Pierre (OSC)	Jim Henery (ORC)
Cathy Johnson (OES)	Tim Adams (ANA)	Guy Tomlinson (LFD)
Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)	Scott Lewis (SCR)	James MacDonald (CON)

Guests

Jim Johnstone (OES)

Tilden Billiter (SCR)

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I. **Welcome, Introductions, Logistics, and Pledge** **D'Arcy**

II. **Moment of Silence for Firefighters LODDs** **Brown**

Robert Hughes Meaux-Nunez Volunteer Fire Dept. Abbeville LS, August 21st, 2026.

Randy Lupe U.S. Wildland Fire Service Phoenix, AZ, August 23rd, 2026.
George Mullins Shaler Village Volunteer Fire Company, PA, August 9th, 2026.

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

III. **Agenda Review and Additions** **Brown**

IV. **Review and Approval of Previous Task Force Meeting Minutes** **Rezende**

1. Motion to approve Semple/Second Rezende

V. **Task Force Update** **Brown**

1. Preparing for October BoD meeting
2. Completing the Quarterly Brief
3. Preparing for Year's End Documents (Charters, Rosters, POWs)
    a. Update agency letters of support
    b. Form letter requesting documents need further development

VI. **Ops Team Update** **Johnstone**

VII. **Cal OES Update** **Johnson**

1. All mutual aid resources out of state have returned
    a. Data requested through Chief Lori Lopez for the Quarterly Brief
    b. Lessons learned on out of state mobilization with CFAA and State/State Compact

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VIII. OSFM SFT Report — Petty

CCR, Title 19/Procedures Manual
Published April 2026 / 2027 Draft prep underway, Public Comment Period - Winter 2026

NFPA 1400
Fire training facility reclass to U Occupancy
Conex boxes deemed construction material
Will enter CA Title 24 triennial for adoption to CBC and CFC in 2027

CURRICULUM/COURSE DELIVERY

1. **October 9 STEAC Topics/Items**
    1. **Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Series** – Introduction
    2. **Ethical Leadership for Instructors** – Final Vote
       Ethics for Instructors (2026)
2. **New Curriculum**
    1. Labor Management Relations – Cadre Call sent last week, deadline to apply 9/20. Will meet in Sacramento October 26-29, 2026
    2. REMS – Spring 2027
    3. Fire Control 3 – 2027, pending.
3. **NWCG and CA-Specific Courses** – July 2026, ongoing
   NWCG Alignment Staff Report
4. **Fire Officer Series**
    1. CO/CFO/ECFO Retirement Deadlines
        - Fire Officer 2 (*formerly Company Officer*)
            - § CO (2014) retires Dec 31, 2026
            - § In-process candidate Task Books due Dec 31, 2027
        - Fire Officer 3 (*formerly Chief Fire Officer*)
            - § CFO (2014) retired (06/30/2026)
            - § In-process candidate Task Books due June 30, 2027
        - Fire Officer 4 (*formerly Executive Chief Fire Officer*)
            - § ECFO (2014) retired (12/31/2025)
            - § In-process candidate Task Books due Dec 31, 2026
        - ****Existing series' coursework aligns with new Task Books****
5. **Fire Fighter 1C** – Standalone Exam coming soon
6. **Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 2026**
7. **Suicide Awareness Safety Standdown**
    1. Safety Stand Down — Healing Our Own

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IX. Old Business/Projects Updates

1. FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Sales – App Update — Johnson
    i. Sales continue
    a. New App Revision Analytics
    b. FOG 3.0 Administration and Funding (Update)
    c. FOG Items and Digital Changes
        i. Tracking on the FOG App. Server is needed for hosting
        ii. Statement of Work is completed for the FOG App
        iii. Fully funded and out for bid shortly
            1. Contract continues to move forward
            2. Date for solicitation TBD

2. Additional members to subcommittees — All

    a. Adams: Proposed to add Battalion Chief Ryan Rolston from Corona Fire Dept. to Energy Subcommittee, representing Small/Med South
        i. Motion by Davis/Second St Pierre
    b. Rezende: Proposed to add Air Ops Chief John Brubaker from San Diego City to Aviation Subcommittee, representing Large City South
        i. Motion by Brown/Second MacDonald
    c. Petty: Proposed to add Captain Jeff Garbaczewski from OCFA to Behavioral Health Subcommittee, representing Small/Med South
        i. Motion by Davis/Second MacDonald

3. FIRESCOPE Task Request Form — Rezende

    a. Current task tracking
        i. HEAT
            1. Continue to outreach. Survey due date needs to be extended.

        ii. Helicopter Typing- Letter Distribution Ops Team
            1. Letter from the subcommittee reviewed last meeting. Going to Ops

2. Mark the task as complete

iii. Mobile Communications Typing
1. Continuing to work on this tasking. Will have a final draft after SC October Meeting.

iv. Membership Decision Process Job Aid
1. Document with Cal OES for ADA revisions.

v. Securing Wildfire
1. Continuing to work on this tasking.

b. Application to current tasks, updates — Rezende

4. Collaborative Fuels Reduction White Paper (Discussion) — Brown
   a. Request CRR Meeting with California Governor's Wildfire Forest Resilience Task Force. Presentation by TF at next BoD Meeting. https://wildfiretaskforce.org/
      i. Inventory/diagram who is doing what?
      ii. What authorities currently exist?
         1. CFAA
      iii. What legislation is not fully implemented?
      iv. What policy/agreements need to change?
         1. PODS
         2. Local Agreements
      v. Generate a contact list between the CRR & CAL OES & Governor's Task Force.

5. CAD to CAD Typing Standard (Going to Ops) — D'Arcy
   a. Document has been edited with the Ops Team requested edits. Going back to Ops this month for approval.
   b. Consider expanding program of work for CAD to CAD for 2027.

6. Hazmat Type II Staffing (Discussion) — Rezende
   a. Subcommittee met, Cal OES has expressed staffing level concerns
   b. MEL draft complete targeting approval Jan 2027, recommending:
      i. Minimum staffing of 8 by 2028

j. Type 3 and 4 staffing models proposed for 2027 Program of Work.

7. MACS 410-1 (Discussion) Johnson

   a. Draft Document is with Chief Johnstone, Gardner and CWCG.

8. ICS 702 Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic (Discussion) Davis
   a. Update provided by Liaison

9. MACS 400-2 Document Control Updates (Discussion) Brown

   a. Review updated document
   b. Comms recommended to remove the ICS 216 & 217, keep ICS 217A
   c. Prieto to confirm with Finance Section Chief if 226-231 is needed to remain.
   d. Additional edits reviewed conflicts for the table of contents
      i. Ex: ICS-2000 would require renumbering
      ii. Review for additional conflicts
   e. CAD to CAD OSD re-numbering approved to ICS-174
   f. Added UAS Mission Checklist description
   g. Errata/Crosswalk needs to be developed to share changes
      i. Motion to Approve latest edits and move to OPs Brown / Second Coyle

10. ICS 502 Building Indexing (Discussion) Henery
    a. Not Reviewed

11. Workflow for TF Validation of New Members Rezende

    a. To be placed in 410-9 and ADA (Update)
    b. This Document is ADA compliant and in the Ops Team Package
       i. Will review at Ops meeting tomorrow

12. TAK and OES Test Case (Update) Brown

13. Maritime FOG (Discussion) MacDonald
    a. Presentation of the Maritime FOG Chapter
       i. Motion to approve the FOG Chapter pending the numbering change from OSD 167 now OSD 160 Rezende / Second Arreguin

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X. Current BOD Tasking

1. Securing Wildfire (Discussion) Adams

    a. Review of the document. Adams to provide edits and sent to the TF PDL for review.
    b. Subcommittee continues to work on this document

XI. New Business

1. Quarterly Brief (October 2026) St. Pierre

    a. Future topics/incidents:
        i. World Fire Conference
        ii. FIFA
        iii. Wildland & Commercial Fires
        iv. Out of State Mobilization - Photos
        v. Venezuela Earthquake TF Activation
        vi. Roll the TSAR Slide
        vii. Departing accolades:
            a. Bob Counts & Dave Brinsfield
            b. Scott Lewis
        viii. Cancer Subcommittee to provide a slide

2. TSAR Document Review Coyle
    a. NWCG changes to standards

3. Fire Alarm Reduction White Paper (Discussion)Rezende

    a. With CRR Subcommittee, continuing to refine the document.

4. ICS 605 Single Resource All-Hazard Packing List (Discussion) Adams
    a. Continued progress on this tasking, no draft available at this time.

5. Tablet Command (Discussion) Adams
    a. Standardized Symbology
    b. Need White Paper to Present

6. Position Paper Template (Discussion) Rezende
    a. Template has been added to smartsheets

7. Predictive Services Soil Moisture and Fuel Sampling (Discussion) St Pierre
    a. Subcommittee will submit 2 White Papers, targeting January BoD approval

8. Wildfire Respiratory Protection White Paper (Discussion) Adams
    a. Requesting BoD tasking to stand up an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee under the Health and Safety Specialist Committee.

9. FIRESCOPE Alumni (Discussion) Semple
    a. Semple, recommending San Diego for the recurring location in conjunction with Ops beginning September 2027. Rezende to check availability with the Fire Dept. Museum.
    b. Chula Vista may host a one day Task Force meeting or pre-meeting activity.

10. Emergency Management Subcommittee Discussion Rezende
    a. Rezende to draft White Paper requesting a full standing or Ad-Hoc Subcommittee.
    b. Develop a typing standard and common resource ordering for emergency managers/EOC's.
    c. Ensure Cal Chiefs or other Organizations are not duplicating efforts.

11. Rosters, Charters, POWs (Discussion) Brown

    a. Formal Letter Request
    b. Standardized Charter
        i. Review/Edit mission statement on webpage ensuring consistency with updated charter

XII. Specialist Committees and Subcommittee Reports All

1. Health and Safety Specialist Committee

Subcommittee	Liaison	Next Meeting Date
Incident Safety	Schuster/Adams	Oct. 6-7, 2026
Behavioral Health	Petty/Wright	Not Available

Cancer Prevention	Wright/Petty	Not Available

2. Special Operations Specialist Committee

Subcommittee	Liaison	Next Meeting Date
Technical Search and Rescue	Coyle	Nov. 2-3, 2026
Maritime Operations	MacDonald/Lewis	Sept. 17-18, 2026
Hazardous Materials	Rezende	Not Available
Energy	Rezende	Not Available
HEAT (Ad-Hoc)	Henery	Not Available

3. Incident Technology Specialist Committee

Subcommittee	Liaison	Next Meeting Date
GIS	Arreguin	Dec. 3-4, 2026
Predictive Services	St.Pierre	Oct. 13, 2026
Communications	Prieto	Oct. 21-22, 2026
Emerging Info Tech (EIT)	Brown	Sept. 14-15, 2026
CAD to CAD (Ad-Hoc)	D'Arcy	Not Available

4. Emergency Operation Specialist Committee

Subcommittee	Liaison	Next Meeting Date
EMS	Davis	Sept. 24, 2026
Structure Fire	Henery	Oct. 8-9, 2026
Wildland Fire	Adams/Semple	Nov. 3-5, 2025
Wildland Preplan (Ad-Hoc)	T. Lewis	Not Available

5. Air Operations Specialist Committee

Subcommittee	Liaison	Next Meeting Date

Aviation Operations	Semple/Chapman	Sept 29-30, 2026
Unmanned Aerial System	Chapman/Semple	Sept 29-30, 2026

6. Training and Education Specialist Committee

Subcommittee	Liaison	Next Meeting Date
CSFM Training	Petty	N/A
STEAC	Petty	Oct. 9, 2026
CICCS	T. Billiter	N/A
CRR	T. Lewis	Oct. 28-29, 2026

XIII. Review of Upcoming Task Force Meetings — All

1. October 13/14/15, 2026 TF/BoD, Anaheim ANA – Adams
2. November 10/11, 2026 TF, Paso Robles, SBC – Davis
3. December 7/8/9/10, 2026 TF/OPs & SC Workshop SOPS, CALFIRE - Semple
4. January 12/13, 2027 TF/BoD, Sacramento, SAC - Billiter
5. February 9/10, 2027 TF, Orange County, OCFA - Sotro
6. March 9/10/11, 2027 TF/OPs, Santa Rosa, MNL - Coyle
7. April 13/14/15, 2027 TF/BoD, San Diego City, SND - Rezende
8. May 11/12, 2027 TF/MACS, San Luis Obispo, OES Region 2/4/5 - Davis/Dunlap
9. June 8/9/10, 2027 TF/OPs San Francisco, SFR - D'Arcy
10. July 13/14, 2027 TF/BoD, Los Gatos, Santa Clara Co. - Brown
11. August 10/11, 2027 TF, Lake Arrowhead, BDC - Schuster
12. September 14/15, 2027 TF/OPs/Alumni, San Diego Co., Chula Vista - TBD

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XIV. Future Ops Team and Board of Directors Meetings — All

1. October 14/15, 2026 BoD Anaheim
2. January TBA, 2027 BoD CalOES Headquarters
3. March 10/11, 2027 OPs, Santa Rosa
4. April 13/14/15, 2027 TF/BoD, San Diego City
5. June 8/9/10, 2027 TF/OPs San Francisco
6. July 14/15, 2027 BoD Santa Clara County Fire Dept Headquarters

XV. Roundtable — All

1. San Mateo Co: Funding challenges relating to school enrollment/vehicle lic. Fees, documents approved EV/hybrid vehicle incidents,
2. CAL FIRE: End of the year activities, leadership changes, new representatives expected at the Ops Team post Counts retirement. Review of team activations
3. SFFD: Paramedic academy class pending, Review of staffing, active with mutual aid.
4. VNC: No significant updates, Opening new fire station in Santa Paula next month
5. SBC: Out of state mobilizations, Hiring 23 new FF/Paramedic, Fleet updates.
6. Sac Metro: Academy in Jan. 2027, Staffing challenges.
7. Santa Clara Co: Paramedic Academy planned, Review of seasonal station coverage, Fleet updates, Workers Comp review and secondary impacts.
8. San Diego: Large City South, Budget Challenges, High quality academy applicants, preparations for El Nino prep.
9. USWFS: Logo created for the new agency, adding crew
10. USFS: Supporting other Geographic Areas.30-day MAFFS activation review. CWCG Aviation subcommittee. Nat'l air attack platforms upgraded capabilities, New Letter of support, Dan Michael, Ops Team representative.
11. Volunteers FD: Nothing to report.
12. OCFA: No significant updates

Motion to adjourn: Arreguin / Second Rezende