



## **TECHNICAL SEARCH AND RESCUE SUBCOMMITTEE 2026 CHARTER**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The FIRESCOPE Technical Search & Rescue Subcommittee (TS&R) is tasked with the responsibility of reviewing, updating, and maintaining minimum operational standards necessary to support the Technical Search & Rescue disciplines.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The TS&R is responsible to the Special Operations Specialist Group via the Chairperson of the FIRESCOPE Task Force, or their designee, and will present a single document for each project developed.

1. Develop, maintain, and gain approval from the Task Force for a "Plan of Work" consistent with the Subcommittee's mission.
2. Collaborate with other members, appropriate stakeholders and subject matter experts on issues related to the "Plan of Work" to ensure integration of a broad range of ideas in the final product.
3. Develop and maintain FIRESCOPE documents and products specific to the "Plan of Work."
4. Present a single document for each "Plan of Work" project representative part of the Subcommittee consensus.
5. Maintain an awareness of current and future trends and technology consistent with the Subcommittee's mission.
6. Determine the potential for interagency cooperation and operational capabilities with the representative of the Subcommittee's mission.
7. Review current training, certification, and qualification requirements representative of the Subcommittee's mission and make recommendations for consistency and enhancement.
8. Develop, as necessary or required, position manuals, task books, and other documents for use in filling ICS positions related to the Subcommittee's mission.
9. Review and revise documents and ICS structure related to the Subcommittee's mission.



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10. Maintain accurate confidential and non-confidential membership rosters for the Subcommittee.
11. Report to the FIRESCOPE Task Force liaison assigned to the Subcommittee.
12. Complete other assignments tasked by the Task Force.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Members are selected as Subject Matter Experts representative of the California Fire Service from local, county, regional, state, and federal agencies. Members have the responsibility to speak for their areas of representation in all matters relating to the Technical Search & Rescue disciplines.

Two members of the TS&R may be selected to serve on the Special Operations Specialist Group on behalf of the Subcommittee.

### **OFFICERS**

The elected officers of the FIRESCOPE Subcommittee will consist of a Chair and may include a Vice-Chair and Secretary. Additionally, two members of the Subcommittee will serve as officers on the respective Specialist Group. The Chair is responsible for managing the Subcommittee to accomplish the identified annual "Plan of Work" in accordance with the FIRESCOPE Decision Process. The Vice-Chair acts in the absence of the Chair, and the Secretary is responsible for ensuring that the minutes and related documents are recorded and submitted to the Task Force.

Officers are elected annually by the membership, with voting completed prior to October 31. The Chair will serve a two-year term, while all other elected officers will serve a one-year term. All terms will run from January 1 to December 31.

### **AD HOC Groups**

Ad Hoc working groups may be established by the TS&R when appropriate. Ad Hoc working group members shall be from the approved group roster.

### **MEETINGS**

Meetings are held periodically, at least annually, to accomplish the identified goals, objectives, and Plan of Work, and shall not conflict with Task Force meetings.



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Any ad hoc working group(s) may hold meetings to accomplish assigned tasks. The Vice-Chair is the point of contact for these working group(s) and reports back to the Subcommittee.