



**FIRESCOPE  
TASK FORCE  
San Bernardino, CA  
July 17-18, 2018**

**Minutes**

Tim Kelly (LFD)  
Cathy Johnson (CalOES)  
Shanna Kuempel(CNT)  
David Gerboth (SND)  
Andrew Henning (SFM)

Grant Hubbell (BDC)  
David Barnett (SJS)  
Sean Fraley (KRN)  
Woody Enos (SBC)  
Matt Levesque(ORC)

Jim Tomaselli (USFS)  
Jon O'Brien (LAC)  
Kyle Heggstrom(LNA)  
Jenn Ricci(CALFIRE)

**Not Present:**

Van Arroyo (DOI), Dan Horton (VNC),

**Guest:** Jim Johnstone (CalOES), Les Matarazzi (DOI), Dan Wells (DHS), Dusty Rhodes (DHS)

**July 17th, 2018**

- **Call to order: 0900 by Tim Kelly**
- **Reviewed June Minutes**

**Welcome and Logistics** (Hubbell)

**Moment of Silence:**

William Moore IV – Amelia County Vol. Fire Department (Amelia, VA)	June 14, 2018
Joe Patterson – Paint Creek Joint EMS/Fire District (Greenfield, OH)	June 24, 2018
Dave R. Rosa – Long Beach Fire Department (Long Beach, CA)	June 25, 2018
Devon Covey – Austin Fire Department (Austin, TX)	June 26, 2018
Benny Hutchins – Philadelphia Fire Department (Philadelphia, PA)	June 27, 2018
Michael F. Cherubini- Hague Vol. Fire Department (Hague, NY)	July 4, 2018
Michael Goodnight – West Liberty Fire Department (Salisbury, NC)	July 4, 2018
Cory Barr – Sun Prairie Vol. Fire Department (Sun Prairie, WI)	July 10, 2018
Brandon Varney- Cal FIRE (CA)	July 14, 2018

As well as all law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty throughout the United States

**Agenda review and Additions** (Kelly)

No additions

**Review and Approval of the May Draft Minutes** (Hubbell)

Reviewed and approved. Motion to approve by O'Brien and seconded by Enos .

**Task Force Update** (Kelly)

- Board of Director's Meeting (July 11<sup>th</sup>) Update Operations Team Meeting Schedule

FIRESCOPE Board of Directors Meeting

July 11, 2018

Cal OES Director's Report –

- Discussed 911 next generation system and ongoing legislation to support.
- Budget allocation to include funding to train local agencies to implement SCOUT, including command center.
- \$25 million carried over to continue to implement Blue Ribbon recommendations.
- Funding to increase Cal OES personnel/staff to deal with constant flow of disaster impacting the state. Staff dedicated to assisting in recovery from disasters.
- Discussed cyber security efforts at state level to protect California public safety network and infrastructure. Requesting agencies to connect with Cal OES cyber center to provide training, etc.
- Recently deployed type II hazmat apparatus. Still working through lawsuits with Attorney General's Office.
- \$15m dedicated to earthquake early warning system. Most affecting south basin.
- Result of disasters from last few years. Of the Presidential Disaster Declaration funding 20% comes back to state. Apply for grant for funding, flood, fire, EQ preparedness. Look for innovative projects that buys down risk.
- Utilities Companies with climate impacts (e.g.; dead, dying trees, extreme weather events impacting powerlines). Utilities attempting to mitigate as component of public safety. PG&E recently implemented fire service. Have since stood down service based on concern raised by Cal OES. Moving forward with collaboration of California Fire Service. Interim imbed Utilities representatives into command centers during incidents. Looking at powering down powerlines during high wind events as a precaution. Concern did not effectively communicate to the public; impacted electrically dependent residents.
- Alert warning bill intended to build common platform/guidelines throughout the state as to how pushing out evacuations and warnings. Opt-in automatic, Opt-out requires physical action. Cal OES working on set of guidelines moving through state legislation.

#### CAL FIRE/SFM Update-

- Elaborated on utilities fire service issue.
- Cap and Trade \$160m approved for forest health. Allocated in form of fire prevention. \$200m from last year's budget being allocated this year for project work being done.
- Funding to replace all 12 helicopters, procured 1 this year, 4 next year, and incremental following budget years.
- Dedicated 6 fuel crews to improve fuel management.
- Tree mortality task force to fuel management task force.
- All initiatives to leverage cap and trade funding.
- Cal Fire is at peak staffing. Inclusive use contracts to include 1 airtanker and 1 VLAT for use through October. Based at McClellan
- Working with Region 5-747 Global Air Tanker back in system and available.
- Inmate fire crew availability shortage. Forming National Guard fire crews to supplement anticipated crew needs at incidents.
- Multiple IMT deployed throughout state.

#### SFM Update-

- SFM has moved to 2215 Harvard Street. Entire 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of building. Posted on website. Looking to host open-house in near future.
- Chief Officers, Fire Investigation 1 & 2, Fire Marshall. Instructors now required to be certified.
- New curriculum; Confined Space awareness, Open Water rescue, River and Flood Rescue.
- Evaluating increasing SFT fees. Last fee increase was 10 years ago.
- Fireworks; thanked agencies for support of stewardship program.
- Vacancy rate down to 20% from 40%, improving recruitment and retention.

#### USFS/DOI Update-

- Acknowledged seamless work on incidents between all agencies.
- Forest Service Leadership Change at Chief and second in command.
- Omnibus bill passed by congress to fund suppression activities. \$2.6 billion spent last year. \$1.2 billion spent so far this year; look to exceed last year's expense.
- Jim Tomaselli new South Ops GACC Manager, Assistant GACC Manager Brandell Patterson.

#### EMS Update-

- Americare decision anti-trust lawsuit. Ruled that anti-trust laws not applicable at lower courts. Going to Appellate court.
- Community Paramedicine act of 2018.

#### CFAA Update-

- Meeting for July 18<sup>th</sup> Subcommittee scheduled. Waiting on USFS audit to be completed. Preliminary results of audit completed; briefing to USFS Chief first in coming days, then to Ghilarducci.

#### CWCG Update-

- Working on 209 nomenclature.
- CFMA issues.
- CFAA status.
- Concern maintaining IMT rosters. Working on strategies to improve recruitment and retention. Struggling to maintain 4 type I and 7 type II IMTs.

#### WIFIRE Update-

- Chief Terrazas presented. Zagaris discussed funding but wanted to ensure continuity and developing common platform and compatibility to share information, as well as integrating into SCOUT. Zagaris discussed Intterra integrating well into SCOUT now. Motion to support WiFire approved.

#### Mutual Aid System-

- Discussion on Cal OES Preposition Guidelines.

#### Old Business-

- First Net Update- Continuing to develop; years to implement
- Blue Ribbon Update- Scheduled meeting canceled. New date to be determined.
- ICS900 Update- shelved; but Zagaris sees need to revitalize the revision. Zagaris sending out either as Cal OES representative or FIREScope BoD with agreement. Decision to reconvene Group to get revision done.
- CICC Update- 2018 CICC posted to Cal OES website, not posted to FIREScope website. Chief Duvally LACoFD will provide training where needed. CICC goal to stay current with NWCG changes. Looking at next rewrite; using errata sheet.

## Cal OES Report-

- 350 engines sent out in last 3 weeks. Moving from incident to incident.
- Unique out of state requests; received request for Type 4
- REMS UTFs increase with new change to 4 personnel.
- Reimbursements being processed in a timelier manner with increase in financial staff.
- Filling Zagaris' position within next year. Timing out on his RA status.
- Concerned about fire activity this year; thinks this will be similar or more active than last year.
- New Governor in 2019 may affect leadership at Cal OES, CAL FIRE

## Roundtable-

- Bill to allow felons to be certified as FFIs a lot of concern expressed by Chief Hartwig on behalf of Cal Chiefs Association.

## **Cal OES Update** (Johnson/Johnstone)

Several changes to ROSS. EMTP/EMTF and DINM now in ROSS. S223 curriculum is on FIRESCOPE website under training tab.

Prepositioning is available and being used. Prepositioning being finalized to reflect the MACS 410-1 revision. One instance of recent use was in Santa Barbara. Report from Enos was that prepositioning units were on scene quickly and in his opinion reduced the fire spread and overall acreage burned. Discussion on 12hr deployment period and impact on logistics. Need a matrix to extend units if needed.

Funding allocated to purchase 25 Type III engines and 75 Type VI engines. Barnett inquired on what the agreement parameters are for equipment list and recommended posting on Cal OES website.

Johnstone attended curriculum review at the NFA. Offered recommendations on updating curriculum. Perception from those outside CA is that ICS is very rigid and not flexible.

Request made for TF members to forecast and properly anticipate the need for letters of appreciation for Specialist Group Members, TF Members, etc.

Cathy requested to update TF roster to include Jim Tomaselli.

## **State Fire Training Update** (Henning)

State Fire Training headquartered in new building with new address and new phone numbers

Chief Officer retiring at the end of 2018.

FF1 certification changes in 2019. State written test and skills test will be required for certification.

For a new Instructor wanting to teach CFSTES and FSTEP courses, Instructor I/II certification will be required starting January 1, 2019. No changes to existing registered instructors.

New curriculum approved and added

New fee structure is being examined

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REFER TO APPENDIX DOCUMENT “SFT REPORT”

### **STEAC Update** (Barnett)

Meeting last Friday.

Damage inspection curriculum approved

Open water rescue curriculum approved

S219 put on hold due to language in SB1260. CA219 is moving forward with a live fire component.

### **NIMS Communications Section Presentation** (Dan Willis, Dusty Rhodes)

- IT Specialist Office of Emergency Communications – DHS (90 Minutes)
- Presented PowerPoint to Task Force
- SAFECOM formed in 2001 as part of the Presidential E-Government initiative to improve public safety interoperability
- Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWICs) help advance communications capabilities at the state level
- Problem- demand for technology has exceeded the capability of the ICS
  - Use of IT to support incident response is inconsistent at best
  - Communications staff are regularly excluded from planning and general staff meetings
  - Lack of unified, typed approach is inconsistent with ICS
  - In absence of systems, freelancing is rampant
  - There is an expectation of connectivity at incident and technology is not keeping up
- Process- SAFECOM and NCSWIC formed the communications section task force to address gaps within the ICS through the development of
  - Nationwide, federated governance framework to promote and provide consistent recruitment, training, retention, and support for all hazards incident communications

- National standards for qualification, certification, and credentialing
- Clarification of existing ICS position descriptions including the Communications Unit Leader (COML), Communications Technician (COMT), and Radio Operator (RADO) to include the all-hazards environment
- Develop structural changes within the NIMS structure to support incident communications evolving complexity
- Communications Section Chief was considered with a Communications Unit Leader and an IT Service Unit Leader underneath them
  - Concern has been expressed by some that adding an additional section chief to Command and General Staff, the span of control for the IC is increased, but the proposed structure is still within the ICS guidelines
- Proposal-
  - Modify the existing ICS to facilitate the efficient incident communications (Communications Section Chief)
- Next Steps-
  - Build support from key partners and stakeholders
  - Engage key partners in building governance framework to support incident communications
  - Continue to finalize the IT Services Unit Leader Course
  - Engage the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Integration Center (NIC) and National Advisory Council (NAC)

TF asked several questions about presentation, including how proposal is slated to be finalized and approved. It is critical for FIREScope to be part of this ongoing discussion. Point of concern was brought up that it is important that FIREScope fully vet proposal before its stated that FIREScope supports this development. FIREScope was stated by presenters that it is the linchpin to the further development of incident communications and position development. As incidents get more complex, we should be cautious about developing additional section chiefs and unity of command could become troublesome.

Member for this communications task force will meet virtually several times a month and meet in person at least once a quarter. First meeting is scheduled for September. Two Members from FIREScope needs to be identified to represent group.

Chief Johnstone to discuss with Zagaris and Richardson. Draft IT Unit Leader Manual provided to Kelly along with PowerPoint Presentation. Chief Johnstone received a copy of the manual.

### **Old Business/Projects:**

#### **Messaging/Marketing** (Barnett/Johnstone)

- MACS 400-1 packet. Review Implementation Plan Spreadsheet. Establish “Quarterly Briefing” Tab on website.

- Working Group Update: Van Arroyo and Woody Enos.
- Reviewed the July 2018 Quarterly Briefing with TF.
- CAL OES letter will formalize his email in a cover letter and will highlight documents that are approved and other recent initiatives.
- Impact statement on implementation plan template is important to dictate end state of the project.
- Barnett updated Quarterly Briefing to reflect Type VI language
- Quarterly Briefing and Cal OES Letter being finalized
- Added DHS OEC representative to electronic distribution list
- First conference call was made yesterday with the marketing and messaging group. Brad Alexander is the lead for the group. One goal is to brand FIREScope using video, graphics, and social media. Every second Monday at 1400hrs a conference call will be held. White paper is due in January. Discussion regarding having FIREScope booth at Firehouse World and Continuing challenge to enhance marketing. On conference call plan of work was discussed and various ideas were thrown around. Roster was developed. Discussion regarding posting roster and plan of work for working group on website.

#### **Polo Shirts** (Levesque/Johnstone)

- Review Implementation Plan.
- Polo Shirt project does not have a separate implementation plan. It is contained within the White Paper.
- Vendor information needs to be finalized as well as procurement process. Levesque to work with Johnstone on this. Once decided Task Force Liaisons will communicate to specialist groups as well as the OPS Team and BoD.

#### **ITSS-COML Position White Paper** (Arroyo/Kuempel)

- Review Implementation Plan (e.g.; Position Description development, FOG update etc.).
- Approved with BoD.
- Need to create position description.
- CalFire teams are currently using this position
- Currently in Quarterly Briefing
- Next step on implementation is Position Description development and FOG update. Comms Specialist Group is working on this assignment.

#### **MACS 410-1 MACS Procedure Guide Revision** (Johnstone)

- Reviewed Implementation Plan.
- Finalized and posted on FIREScope website.
- There is a North Ops and South Ops version that still needs some revision. Do these versions need BoD approval?



### **CISM/Peer Support Working Group** (Gerboth)

- Discussed progress and White Paper timeline.
- Executive summary went to Ops Team in June
- White Paper will be completed in the Fall for September Ops Team Conference Call
- Roster, Plan of Work, and Charter is included in DropBox
- Johnson checking with Don on adding working group rosters, plan of work, minutes, and flyers to website

### **CAD to CAD Interoperability** (Fraley)

- Discussed progress and White Paper timeline.
- IROC contact made
- National mutual aid contact needed
- Waiting for NMAS contact from Johnstone
- Dusty Rhodes (DHS) will be included in discussion and added to group
- Eric Prosser left employment and will no longer be included in the group
- Kern County fire representative will be taking over the lead of the group
- Discontinuing use of Glib application and will be working on establishing new online collaboration system
- Costs will be explored

### **Channel Limitations Statewide Channel 3 Load** (Kuempel/Arroyo)

- Postponed presentation to BoD until October. Kuempel and Arroyo will update White Paper with language on affected portable radios. Adjust Implementation Plan to reflect new timeline.
- Update will go to OPS Team during September conference call for approval. Delays project by about three months
- Language for survey will be included
- Current White Paper has a 5 year implementation plan
- Agencies that can't comply with requirements need a contingency communication plan

### **S219** (Barnett)

- Covered in STEAC Update
- Firing go/no go checklist provided to NWCG. Need to make sure that CWCG is aware. Currently not printed in IRPG
- S219 sub-group regarding SB1260 directs SFT to analyze and develop curriculum for prescribed burn bosses. SB1260 expected to come to STEAC for vote October 12, 2018
- Standby mode on TF movement with White Paper

### **Standard Wildland Preplan** (Ricci)

- Project placed on hold by Ops Team – concern over potential liability associated with vendor. Discuss project development moving forward. ICS 267 assigned to document.
- Kelly will check with Richardson on any updates from the OPS Team on vendor approval and liability concerns before any work continues.
- Form number will likely change to ICS 256 as ICS 267 is being used

### **400-2** (All)

- Task Force review and decision on recommendations provided by Shanna (2 Hours)
- PowerPoint presentation made by Kuempel with breakdown and recommended changes
- At this point there is some numbering conflict with the national numbering system in regards to document number and NWCG course curriculum title
- TF reviewed and came to consensus on majority of document
- Further discussion on USAR disciplines and MACS 410-1 and MACS 400-3 documents
- Kuempel to begin drafting revised MACS 400-2 and will present next month to finalize two areas of discussion
- Documents are divided between ICS and MAC documents
- ICS 000-099 Series- Glossary of Terms, Resource Listing, Position Manuals
- ICS 100-199 Series- Operational Systems Descriptions (OSD) and planning
- ICS 200 Series- Systems Organization and Functions – forms
- ICS 220 Series- Incident Commander and Command Staff – forms
- ICS 230-240 Series- Incident Command Systems general
- ICS 260 Series- Incident Command Systems general
- ICS 300 Series- Training and Education
- ICS 400 Series- Incident Command System
- ICS 500 Series- Structural Firefighting
- ICS 600 Series- Wildland Firefighting
- ICS 700 Series- EMS
- ICS 800 Series- Aviation
- ICS 900 Series- Safety
- ICS 1000 Series- High Rise (Position Manuals)
- ICS 1100 Series- Haz Mat (Position Manuals)
- ICS 1200 Series- Urban Search and Rescue (Position Manuals)
- ICS 1300 Series- Communications
- ICS 1400 Series- Information Technology
- ICS 1500 Series- Predictive Services
- ICS 1600 Series- GIS
- ICS 1700-2000
- MACS 400 Series- Operational Guides

**ICS Forms Review** (Levesque/Gerboth)

- ICS 225 Update (Gerboth). Research fillable forms on what has been completed and what needs to be done. Sean has background on project
- Will be placed on next month's agenda due to Gerboth's IMT activation

**Smartsheet Orientation** (Johnson/Barnett)

- Transition update by August presentation by Cathy Johnson (Status)

**ICS 010-1 Glossary of Terms** (Fraley)

- Update scheduled for August.

**Meeting adjourned at 1700**

**July 18th, 2018**

**Meeting called to order 08:00**

**WORK TO BE IMPLEMENTED:**

**CICCS Qualification Guide Revision** (Barnett/Gerboth)

- Implementation Update
- 2018 CICCS Qualification Guide on Quarterly Briefing, FIRESCOPE Website, and Cal OES website

**DINS/DINM** (Henning)

- Implementation Update
- Vail posted Task Books
- Johnson added to ROSS
- Goes to SBFS on August 23<sup>rd</sup> for approval
- Course plans need to be posted to FIRESCOPE website and SFT website after SBFS approval

**Line Medic/EMT Curriculum** (Heggstrom/O'Brien)

- Implementation Plan complete
- Complete, remove from agenda and move to archive folder
- Might turn into a SFT course. Henning has no problem adding to SFT curriculum as long as course curriculum stays updated, and relevant.

## **New Business/Projects:**

### **Evacuation/Repopulation and LELO Position Description White Paper** (Barnett)

- White Paper was brought to OPS Team and BoD and approved
- Evac working group was re-organized at the TF level and will include Barnett, Johnstone, and Kemnah
- Ultimate goal is to incorporate into POST- Johnstone to coordinate members
- Roster, Plan of Work, Implementation Plan, and Meeting schedule need to be developed
- TF Member needed for potential meetings in the Southern part of the State- Jenn Ricci volunteered
- Report back due in August from Johnstone

### **SCOUT Procedural Manual** (Kelly)

- Develop procedural manual for IMT's to integrate SCOUT for incidents. Decision was to give this assignment to the EIT group. Caroline Jacob Thomas is also available as a resource. Flow chart created by EIT group already and a good starting point for project. Implementation plan needs to be developed. SME's also should be consulted for input as needed (e.g.; Cal FIRE, NWCG, etc.). Include ECC and IMT procedures.
- Ricci lead project coordinator- Report back in August
- No timeline discussed on product delivery

### **2021 FOG 420-1 Revision** (All)

- All TF members reminded to track 2021 FOG revisions on projects they are working on. Dropbox FOG folder utilized to store updated material for 2021 revision

### **2018 Hoist Rescue Guidelines** (Enos)

- Enos presented DRAFT hoist rescue guidelines prepared by Aviation SG to TF
- Primarily designed for IMTs and hoist operations for night rescue
- TF to review and provide input for next meeting
- Need to reformat document to OSD template

## **Specialist and Working Group Reports:**

**Aviation:** (Enos/Fraley)

Memo handed out memo to TF regarding UAS/UAV use. UAS/UAV development is currently on their plan of work. Memo is a request from TF that the Aviation Specialist Group develop a White Paper proposal the outlines UAS/UAV initiatives which impact mutual aid, MACS or ICS are addressed appropriately. In addition, identify a plan to develop ICS products that will support standardization and integration of safe and effective UAS/UAV capabilities into incidents and fire service. Due to fire season, White Paper will be due to the TF in January 2019. Suggestion to add the ordering process to the UAS/UAV White Paper.

Next Meeting in November

**Communications:** (Arroyo/Kuempel)

October 24<sup>th</sup> in San Diego is next meeting. SG put out a document on what an electrical utility shut down will do to communications and repeater sites on an incident. S Series radios will be discontinued.

**Safety:** (Fraley/Enos)

June 20/21<sup>st</sup> was last meeting in Lake Arrowhead. Several members were recognized for their service and given appreciation letters. White Paper on flagging tape was presented to TF. SG suggests that standards in the red book be followed and the following verbiage be disseminated by FIREScope: "It is essential to include the proper communications and ensure that incident resources are familiar with what flagging colors that are utilized and what they represent". White Paper indicates that a key component is communication on what the flagging colors on an incident indicate.

Next Meeting in October.

**EMS:** (Heggstrom/O'Brien)

Last Meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Working on Plan of Work and Roster updates. Conference call will be scheduled, but no date yet.

**GIS:** (Horton/Arroyo)

No Update

**Predictive Services:** (O'Brien/Ricci)

No meeting since last TF meeting. November 7/8 is next scheduled meeting.

**Haz Mat:** (Kuempel/Horton)

Last meeting in July. OSD Templates being worked on. Participated in Webinar on NIMS integration project. Hazmat Typing was based on Civil Support Teams. Didn't have an issue with receiving more comments. Comments will be forwarded to Kelly and Johnstone and pushed up the chain of command. How first responders can survive a nuclear blast project is being worked on by OES representative Bill Potter. He is coordinating with HM SG. Project might be added to Plan of Work.

Next meeting in September.

**US&R:** (Gerboth/Levesque)

Attended June 22<sup>nd</sup> regional USAR TF meeting. July 12<sup>th</sup> conference call with 13 Swift Water Rescue teams and how to integrate into USAR

July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting with 5 Southern CA USAR TF teams

August 20<sup>th</sup> next SG Meeting

**High Rise:** (Levesque/Gerboth)

Next Meeting in November. No date set yet.

**EIT:** (Ricci/Hubbell)

Chair of group stepped down. Vice-chair stepped up to interim chairperson position.

Conference call scheduled on July 19<sup>th</sup>- Next Meeting scheduled in November.

Roundtable:

**Meeting Adjourned at 1200 hrs.**

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

### **Task Force**

August 14-15	Orange County (Levesque)
September 25-26	Monterey (Kuempel)
October 23-24	San Simeon (Arroyo)
November 13-14	Solvang (Enos)
December 11-12	Camarillo (Horton)
January 15-16	Pismo Beach (Enos)

### **Future Board of Directors and Operations Team Meetings**

September 6	Ops Conference Call (1300hrs)
October 10	Board of Directors, Mather

## **APPENDIX**

### **CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal**

#### **State Fire Training Report**

**July 2018**

##### **A. New Office (July 2018)**

- New office location is 2251 Harvard Street, Suite 400. (PO Box is the same)
- New phone numbers, please check [osfm.fire.ca.gov](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov) for new phone numbers.

##### **B. Retiring Certifications (Jan 2018)**

- Chief Officer – certification retires 12/31/2018 (courses retired / allowed time for degree)
- Fire Investigator I and II – courses and certification retires 12/31/2018
- Fire Marshal – certification retires 12/31/2019
- Fire Fighter I/II/Volunteer (2001) using red scantrons retired in December 2017.

##### **C. Fire Fighter I Certification Update (Jan 2018)**

- Now through December 31, 2018- applicants are required to complete Fire Fighter I training, task book, and experience (6 months full-time / 12 months part time or volunteer). No certification exam required. Application and required information must be postmarked to SFT on/before December 31, 2018.
- Certification exam requirement will be required for all applicants who apply starting January 1, 2019
- For additional Fire Fighter I information please see:  
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/training/firefighter2013>



#### **D. Fire Investigator Certification Update (Oct 2017)**

- New certification will have one level to align with the NFPA professional qualification standards.
- Expert Witness requirement for the old Fire Investigator II (1988) can be met through the following courses:
  - i. CCAI- Expert Witness Testimony
  - ii. IAAI- Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony
  - iii. NFA- Interview Interrogation Techniques and Courtroom Testimony
- Please see the informational bulletin on SFT's website:  
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/training/pdf/IB-FireInvestigatorII.pdf>

#### **E. Instructor Certification vs. Instructor Registration (Oct 2017)**

- Instructor Registration will continue in the same way through December 31, 2018
- Instructor Certification will be required beginning January 1, 2019
- Existing Registered Instructors and Instructors who apply for registration on/before December 31, 2018 will not be required to become certified.
- Please see the informational bulletin on SFT's website:  
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/training/pdf/IB-InstructorChanges-2017.pdf>

#### **F. Fire Marshal Curriculum and Certification (Feb 2018)**

- New fire marshal curriculum and certification. Based off NFPA 1036 and is a standalone certification.
- 5 Core Courses focused on mission specific activities. (208 Hours)
- 4 Additional Courses (Chief Fire Officer 3A- MR Management, Instructor I, Stats and Regs, G290- Basic PIO Course.)
- Certification requires a task book to be completed, ICC Fire Inspector II, 5 years in a fire department, with one year as a Fire Marshal.
- Please see the SFT Fire Marshal Website:  
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/training/FireMarshal>

#### **G. New Curriculum (Feb 2018)**

- Confined Space Awareness Curriculum (2017)- updated curriculum based off latest editions of NFPA 1006 at 1670.
  - i. Old Confined Space Awareness (1995) retires on August 31, 2018
  - ii. New course can be taught starting March 1
- DINS/DINM- approved by STEAC. Goes to SBFS for a vote on August 23.
- *Open Water Rescue Boat Operator* and *Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting Awareness*- vote at STEAC October 12, 2018.
- *Ethical Leadership in the Classroom* and *River/flood*- first reading at STEAC anticipated October 2018.

#### **H. STEAC / SBFS**

- Next STEAC Meeting- October 12, 2018  
[http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/advisorycommittees/advisorycommittees\\_steac](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/advisorycommittees/advisorycommittees_steac)
- Next SBFS Meeting- August 23, 2018  
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/boardfireservices/boardfireservices>

#### **I. Other**

- SFT will be revising its fee structure. STEAC has formed an Ad-Hoc working group to review the fee and bring forward recommendations. The fee increase goes through the Office of Administrative law rulemaking process.
- SFT will be transitioning to electronic course returns later this year. This will eliminate green scantrons and instructors will be required to upload rosters and paperwork through SFT's records management system.

#### **J. Stay Engaged**

- For new information see the Latest News section on our homepage:  
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