

## SB 27

Attached is a copy of SB 27.

This bill is not perfect but has the capability to be amended as necessary. Blair Springer, of Senator Campbell's office, will coordinate such suggested amendments and/or corrections. Please use this bill for reproduction and distribute as necessary.

We ask that you contact as many fire agencies and associations as soon as possible (within 30 days) and request that they write/call their local State representatives (Senators and Assemblymen) and ask for their support for SB 27 and to co-author. This may be accomplished by having them contact:

Senator William Campbell, Chairman  
Joint Committee on Emergency Services  
State Capitol Building  
Room 5052  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(Phone) 916-445-2848

The Joint Committee on Emergency Services FIREScope Hearing was a success. Senator Campbell voiced his appreciation to the Fire Services and those who responded to support FIREScope and proposed legislation.

The Fire Service must stay united in the pursuit of SB 27. Our efforts must continue as diligently as for the FIREScope Hearing.

SB 27 will need your support **NOW** and the assistance of Senators and Assemblymen to co-author this bill.

Your immediate action is requested.

Introduced by Senator Campbell  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Doolittle)

December 5, 1988

An act to add Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 13070) to Part 1 of Division 12 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to fire protection.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 27, as introduced, Campbell. Fire protection: Firescope Program.

Existing law requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal to foster, promote, and develop ways and means of protecting life and property against fire and panic. Under existing law, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection provides fire protection on lands within state responsibility areas, unless a county has elected to assume responsibility for prevention and suppression of all fires on all land in the county, as specified.

This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal to jointly establish and administer the Firescope Program for improving firefighting resources, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Chapter 3 (commencing with Section  
2     13070) is added to Part 1 of Division 12 of the Health and  
3     Safety Code, to read:

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5                   CHAPTER 3. FIRESCOPE PROGRAM  
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7     13070. This chapter shall be known and may be cited  
8     as the Firescope Act of 1989.

9     13071. The Office of Emergency Services, the  
10    Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the  
11    Office of the State Fire Marshal shall jointly establish and  
12    administer a program, which shall be denominated the  
13    Firescope Program (Firefighting Resources of California  
14    Organized for Potential Emergencies), to maintain and  
15    enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of managing  
16    multiagency firefighting resources in responding to an  
17    incident. The program shall be based on the concepts and  
18    components developed or under development by the  
19    Firescope project chartered by the United States  
20    Congress in 1972. The program shall provide for the  
21    research, development, and implementation of  
22    technologies, facilities, and procedures to assist state and  
23    local fire agencies in the better utilization and  
24    coordination of firefighting resources in responding to  
25    incidents.

26    13072. The goal of the Firescope Program is the  
27    improvement of fire incident management and the  
28    coordination of multiagency firefighting resources on  
29    major or multiple incidents. The program shall include,  
30    but is not limited to, the following areas as part of its  
31    research, development, and implementation objectives:

32       (a) Improved methods to coordinate multiagency  
33       firefighting resources during major incidents.

34       (b) Improved methods for forecasting fire behavior.

35       (c) The capability to assess fire, weather, and terrain  
36       conditions at the scene of an incident.

37       (d) Standard fire terminology for improving incident  
38       management.

- 1 (e) Improved multiagency fire communications.
- 2 (f) Multiagency training on Firescope components
- 3 and products.
- 4 (g) A common mapping system, including orthophoto
- 5 maps.
- 6 (h) Improved fire information management systems.
- 7 (i) Regional operational coordination centers for
- 8 regional multiagency coordination of firefighting
- 9 resources.

10 13073. The Office of Emergency Services, the  
11 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the  
12 Office of the State Fire Marshal shall carry out this  
13 chapter in cooperation with, and with the advice of, the  
14 currently established Fire Service Advisory Committee  
15 of the Board of Directors of the Firescope project within  
16 the Office of Emergency Services. The fire service  
17 advisory committee shall submit periodic reports to the  
18 Joint Committee on Fire, Police, Emergency and  
19 Disaster Services of the Legislature, on the status of the  
20 Firescope Program, and any recommendations for  
21 legislative action to carry out the program's mandate.

22 13074. The Office of Emergency Services, the  
23 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the  
24 Office of the State Fire Marshal shall seek funding  
25 through the normal budgetary process for carrying out  
26 this chapter, and shall seek financial or in-kind assistance  
27 from local fire agencies for that purpose.

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### A G E N D A

#### FIRESCOPE Managing Firefighting Resources

State Capitol, Room 2040  
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Thursday, November 17, 1988  
9:00am - 1:00pm

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R E S O L U T I O N

F I R E S C O P E

WHEREAS, the FIRESCOPE Program has and continues to bring together those Agencies in emergency services to effectively manage emergency incidents; and

WHEREAS, evidence of the FIRESCOPE Program products used for emergency incidents is positively visible; and

WHEREAS, with the multitude of Agencies involved and the complexities of performing emergency services, it is imperative that a unified approach to managing these emergencies be developed, refined and utilized; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that all emergency service providers be trained to implement the various elements of the program; and

WHEREAS, in addition, all Agencies of the State of California must be prepared to meet the emergency needs created by natural disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Watershed Fire Council of Southern California supports any means to provide funding for the continuance of the FIRESCOPE Program.

*Gene Newcombe*  
Gene Newcombe,  
Chairman

Attest:

*Rex N. Griggs*  
Rex N. Griggs,  
Executive Secretary

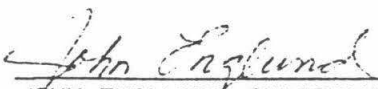
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## RESOLUTION

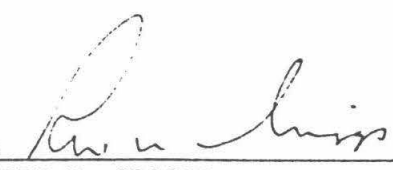
### ASSOCIATION OF CONTRACT COUNTIES

- WHEREAS, the result of the devastating wildland in 1970 in California caused the beginning of various elements of the FIRESCOPE Program; and
- WHEREAS, the Federal Government provided the vast majority of funding for the first several years; and
- WHEREAS, the FIRESCOPE Program has identified systems and needs for multi-agency integration and coordination; and
- WHEREAS, those developed systems and procedures have been proven to be effective and efficient for use by all emergency service and other disciplines; and
- WHEREAS, the FIRESCOPE Program has been on a "maintenance" basis due to the lack of funding for too long; and
- WHEREAS, a realistic fire year plan for the FIRESCOPE Program has been developed based upon fire service needs assessment; and
- WHEREAS, identified prior and projected cost savings, by utilizing the various elements of the FIRESCOPE Program, will truly justify the completion and improvement of the program. Now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the Association of Contract Counties strongly urges the long range funding of the fire year plan through the Office of Emergency Services.

Resolution No. 88-1

  
JOHN ENGLUND, CHAIRMAN

Attest

  
REX N. GRIGGS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR