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.
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.

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

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

CHAPTER 3. FIRESCOPE PROGRAM

13070. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Firescope Act of 1989.

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

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

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

(b) Improved methods for forecasting fire behavior.

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

(d) Standard fire terminology for improving incident management.
(e) Improved multiagency fire communications.
(f) Multiagency training on Firescope components and products.
(g) A common mapping system, including orthophoto maps.
(h) Improved fire information management systems.
(i) Regional operational coordination centers for regional multiagency coordination of firefighting resources.

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

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

FIRESCOPE
Managing Firefighting Resources

State Capitol, Room 2040
Sacramento, California

Thursday, November 17, 1988
9:00am - 1:00pm

1. Jerry Partain, Director
   California Department of Forestry
   Dick Ernest, Chief Deputy Director
   California Department of Forestry

2. Donald Manning, Chief
   Los Angeles City Fire Department

3. Randy Coggan, Chief
   Ventura County Fire Department

4. Michael Vonda, Chief
   Union City Fire Department
   Vice President/California Fire Chiefs Association

5. John Englund, Chief-retired
   Los Angeles County Fire Department

6. Bill Medigovich, Director
   Office of Emergency Services

7. James McMullin, Chief
   State Fire Marshal

8. Brian Hatch
   California Professional Firefighters
9. Jerome Ringhofer, Deputy Chief  
    San Bernardino County Sheriff

10. Dick Minor, Chief  
    Hayward Fire Department

11. Harry Steimer, General Manager  
    California State Fireman's Association

12. Douglas Sporleder, Chief  
    Central Fire Protection District

13. John Buchanan, Chief  
    Woodland Fire Department

14. Bill Neville  
    National Fire Protection Association

15. Clyde Bragdon  
    U. S. Fire Administration

16. Bob Irwin, Chairman  
    Tuolumne County Planning Commission

17. R. G. "Andy" Anderson, Chief  
    Quincy Fire Department
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,
Chairman

Attest: Rex N. Griggs,
Executive Secretary

Resolution 88-4
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