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Executive Summary

The FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Operations Team, Task Force and Specialist/Working Groups continue working to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the California Fire Service consistent with the organization's mission. The California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Fire and Rescue Services Advisory / FIRESCOPE Board of Directors has approved and initiated implementation of several new or revised FIRESCOPE documents during their July 11, 2018 meeting.

The dissemination and implementation of new or revised policy, procedural and developmental documents is critical to maintaining the integrity and effective execution of Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch operations, the Incident Command System (ICS), Multi-agency Coordination System (MACS), and the State's Master Mutual Aid System. To that end, this "FIRESCOPE Quarterly Briefing" is designed to inform the California Fire Service and affected stakeholders of material changes, and to provide clarity as to the impact associated with new or recently revised FIRESCOPE documents.

Newly Approved FIRESCOPE Material

The following is a list of new or recently revised FIRESCOPE documents with an accompanying summary statement for each item that details the impact to the State's Master Mutual Aid System, MACS or ICS.

1. MACS 410-1 MACS Group Procedure Guide: This guide discusses the MAC System, the MAC Group; its function, purpose, membership and organization for the California Fire Service. Also discussed are activation procedures and the processes used to evaluate incidents with regard to resource allocation, situation status reports, and general information sharing necessary to support the MACS Decision Process. Last revised in April 2011, the MACS 410-1 has undergone a full revision in 2018. While the MACS processes and procedures remain unchanged, the revision focused primarily on some minor reformatting, content restructure, and cross-referencing language to ensure consistency with the California Mobilization Guide. http://firescope.org/macs-docs/MACS-410-1.pdf

2. MACS 400-1 MACS Document Control System: As part of FIRESCOPE's ongoing effort to enhance its process of product distribution, both internally and externally, the Document Distribution and Filing Section of MACS 400-1 (Page No. 3) was revised in July 2018. Revisions include the outline of a comprehensive plan for developing, distributing, filing and archiving FIRESCOPE documents. This Quarterly Briefing is one element of the plan, and part of FIRESCOPE's larger marketing and messaging strategy. http://firescope.org/macs-docs/MACS-400-1.pdf

3. ICS reorganization of Information and Technology Specialist (ITSS) position: On the recommendations of the FIRESCOPE Communications, Emerging Information & Technology (EIT), and Geographic Information System (GIS) Specialist Groups, the ITSS position has been reorganized within the ICS structure. Previously organized under the Plans Section, the ITSS position will now work under the Logistics Section and be supervised by the Communications Unit Leader. Personnel

should be placed in the approved ordering system with the ITSS qualification and they will work in the Logistics Section. State and Federal Incident Management Teams have been briefed on this change and have plans in place to implement this new structure for the 2018 fire season. Plans to develop an ITSS Position Description are projected to be completed by the summer of 2019. Additionally, this position reorganization will be reflected in the new ICS 420-1 Field Operations Guide (FOG) projected to be published in 2021. http://firescope.org/meetings/bod/2018/bod_meeting3/documents/FIRESCOPE%20ITSS-COML%20White%20Paper.pdf

2018 California Fire Service Initiatives

The following updates are included to ensure the appropriate awareness and communication of key California Fire Service initiatives that have been, or are in the process of being, implemented:

1. Cal OES - California State Mutual Aid Pre-Incident Preparedness Guideline: In response to the devastating California fire sieges during the past few years, and with this constant threat ever growing, Cal OES has recognized the need to enhance the Mutual Aid System whereby state resources would be made available to preposition to mutual aid regions, operational areas and local jurisdictions in advance of severe weather forecasts that indicate the potential for significant wildland fires or other disasters to occur. To that end, The California State Mutual Aid Pre-Incident Preparedness Guideline has been developed to address resource augmentation for anticipated significant fire or other disastrous events. It is a preparation tool and meant to be used as a guideline that can assist operational areas and mutual aid regions in determining the level of augmentation required for personnel, equipment, and crews. A copy of The California State Mutual Aid Pre-Incident Preparedness Guideline can be obtained by visiting the Cal OES website at caloes.ca.gov or by clicking on the following link. http://www.firescope.org/mutual-aid-pre-incident-prep-guide.php

2. Cal OES Type III and Type VI Apparatus Acquisition: Consistent with the recommendations developed by the Governor's Blue Ribbon Fire Commission, $25 million has been allocated from FY 2018-19 budget to fund the acquisition of an additional one-hundred (100) Cal OES fire engines, twenty-five (25) of- -which will be Type III engines while the remaining seventy-five (75) will be Type VI engines. The breakdown as to the specific type and quantity of resources being procured was determined by a comprehensive statewide survey sent out by Cal OES to all regions and operational areas. In addition, resource deployment metrics and strategies were studied to further validate the composition of the apparatus being purchased. Staffing for Mutual Aid Type 6 Engines shall be a minimum of 3. FIRESCOPE will update typing requirements for staffing (3-4) in the 2021 FOG revision. Questions related to this initiative may be directed to the Cal OES Chief serving your respective region.

3. California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) 2018 Qualification Guide: With three years since its last revision, the CICCS Qualification Guide has undergone a revision in 2018. The primary reasons supporting the revision are as follows:

   - Further emphasis required to reflect the all-hazard nature of CICCS.
   - Further clarification required relative to the definition of "Quality Assignment."
   - To codify method of transferring qualifications from non-CICCS agencies to CICCS agencies.
   - To codify changes to Peer Review Committees to improve their formation and processes.
   - To identify the addition of positions and deletion of positions seldom used by local government.
   - To identify changes to "Position Requirements" for several ICS positions.

- To identify the replacement of various NWCG position training with NIMS all-hazard position training.
- To identify changes to the "Equivalency Matrix" to coincide with State Fire Training course curriculum changes.

A copy of the CICCS 2018 Qualification Guide can obtained by visiting the FIRESCOPE website at

http://firescope.org/specialist-groups/ciccs/ciccs.php

or the Cal OES website at http://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/fire-rescue/fire-operations

Advisory Message

The information contained in this Briefing is intended to be widely shared among the California Fire Service, its Federal partners, as well as with other affected stakeholders. Agency administrators or responsible representatives should ensure that this material is thoroughly reviewed and communicated within their respective organizations.

Fire service professionals and the public are encouraged to follow FIRESCOPE on its social media platforms and to visit its website at www.firescope.org to learn more about the FIRESCOPE organization and to keep apprised of the latest product development, key initiatives, and what's new in the California Fire Service. The QR Code below provides access to the documents referenced in the July 2018 Quarterly Briefing.

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