

## **IN-CAMP FIRE PROTECTION**

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### **Responsibility**

**Camp Commander  
Superintendent  
Division Chief**

The Camp Commander/Superintendent and Division Chief shall mutually develop a plan for prevention and suppression of fires in and around the camp. This includes a plan to defend the camp from an approaching wildland fire and/or a Camp Evacuation Plan, and a plan for dealing with fires and other emergencies occurring in the camp. All camp personnel shall be adequately trained to enact the emergency plan.

The camp fire protection plan shall include:

- Fire protection
- Reporting of fires
- Firefighting methods and training
- Operation of any in-camp fire protection equipment
- Hazardous materials incident operations
- Post-fire investigation
- Evacuation of buildings, etc.
- Special fire prevention measures.
- Activation and operation of fire detection or suppression systems.
- Camp structure protection
- Camp Evacuation Plan

Adequacy of fire protection methods shall be evaluated monthly during a joint inspection of the camp by the Camp Commander/Superintendent and Division Chief. Any noted fire hazards shall immediately be remedied. A record of the inspection shall be entered in the camp register.

## **USE AND OPERATION OF CAMP FIRE ENGINE**

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### **Responsibility**

**Unit Chief**

Any vehicle specifically assigned as an "in-camp" fire protection engine will be accessible and so equipped as to be readily operable by any individual authorized and included in the camp fire protection plan. Occasionally, the fire engine can be used advantageously to perform an initial attack on a fire occurring within a reasonable distance of the camp. Guidelines for such use are:

- Area in which a camp would respond is 5 miles from the camp. This response is also based on the good- neighbor policy and availability of trained personnel.
- Camp engine shall not be placed on the response cards nor be considered as an initial attack response. If CAL FIRE unit resources are so reduced that the camp engine needs to be staffed on a 24-hour-per- day basis, it will be kept at the camp. Under these circumstances, the engine may be removed from camp for station coverage, staging, or other purposes, if the offender firefighters are replaced with qualified non-incarcerated personnel.
- Since Department of General Services authorized these engines for camp protection, they must be equipped with breathing apparatus and turnout gear, and those individuals assigned to the camp protection engine will be properly trained per Handbook 4300 standards, and otherwise qualified to operate under expected conditions. See CAL FIRE Health and Safety Standards for information relative to medical and fit test requirements for breathing apparatus use.
- All camp protection engines must be maintained in a fire-ready condition.
- Offenders will not participate in firefighting assignments as part of the camp fire protection engine company without meeting the following criteria:
- Offender has successfully completed all elements of FF-I Basic Training (Handbook 4300) relevant to their specific duties. He or she must also have completed any other training appropriate for the particular assignment. All training must be documented and retained in the offenders' file. Offenders are normally expected to conduct defensive exterior activities in the event of a structure fire. Offenders may not be medically cleared for fit testing, so they should not be expected to wear Self Contained Breathing Apparatus or enter IDLH atmospheres. Those offenders medically cleared, properly fit tested, and trained may participate in all fire ground operations and training drills while under the direct supervision of CAL FIRE. CAL FIRE staff can conduct interior attack or any other types of fire ground activities as policy and training permit. When responding to any emergency, offenders are expected to be under direct supervision by CAL FIRE at all times.

Offenders that require medical clearance and fit testing for vocational purposes will be addressed in the camps Illness & Injury Prevention Plan.

**FIRE DRILLS**  
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**Responsibility**

**Camp Commander  
Superintendent  
Division Chief**

Fire drills shall be conducted at least once each month. At least quarterly, the fire drills will involve the CAL FIRE shop areas or any other area of the camp with a potential for fire. An entry shall be made in the camp register for each fire drill conducted.

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