

RESCUE AND PROTECTION

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CAL FIRE has historically provided rescue/EMS services even though no specific authority in law can be cited. Pending legislation may remedy this situation.

CAL FIRE's authorization applies in the following situations:

- On SRA, whether or not the emergency includes fire and whether or not resources are threatened (pending).
- At the direction of the Governor or OES pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, GC §8565-8574.
- Within a local fire jurisdiction (city, county, or district) as part of a contract to provide fire protection services; this may include mobile paramedic service.

Further, the California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement states that agencies should provide rescue services and facilities to each other.

USE OF CAMP CREWS

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Formal agreements with other agencies are not required to authorize emergency work to be performed by camp crews under the leadership of CAL FIRE personnel.

PRC Section 4957 provides that camp inmates and wards may be utilized in the rescue of lost or injured persons, in the saving of life, and in the protection of property. The department may cooperate with local agencies of government to accomplish these purposes. The policy governing such use is found in Section C.24 of the CAL FIRE/CDC Interagency Agreement and applies to all camp crews.

REIMBURSEMENT

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Refer to Cooperative Fire Protection Procedures Handbook, Reimbursement Policy - Local Emergencies. Absent preagreement with the requesting agency, CAL FIRE does not have legal authorization to bill for expenses incurred during search and rescue operations. Refer to Handbook 6400, Sections 6560.2.1 through 6560.2.3 for procedures to be followed if reimbursements are to be requested. Search and rescue operations are normally not chargeable to the Emergency Fund.

USE OF AIRCRAFT
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Refer to [8300 Aviation Management Procedures Handbook](#).

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