

INCIDENT ORGANIZATION AND DUTY STATEMENTS

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In order to reduce a complex and changing problem to practical dimensions, the incident commander requires an action plan and organizational structure which can efficiently expand or contract as the strategy situation changes.

CAL FIRE will use the Incident Command System (ICS) for the management of all fires and other emergency incidents. The system, as described in the following sections, is part of the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS). The other components of NIIMS are a qualifications and certification system, training, publications, and supporting technology. In California, the Incident Command System is managed/supported by the FIRESCOPE decision process, with the O.E.S. Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE Board of Directors serving as the fire service ICS parent body. ICS has been adopted as the official emergency incident management system for all state agencies by executive order.

The organizational structure provided by ICS is also used by CAL FIRE for all other types of emergency incidents, i.e., flood, search and rescue, snow removal, emergency medical incidents, hazardous material spills, etc.

The organizational structure provided in ICS does not require organizational expansion in stages from initial attack through major incident; rather, it provides for expansion as required by the incident strategy-situation.

FIRESCOPE FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

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CAL FIRE has adopted the most recent version of all FIRESCOPE forms and documents as official CAL FIRE documents. This includes all FIRESCOPE Incident Command System (ICS) and Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS) documents, forms, position lesson plans, and other documents described in the FIRESCOPE Document and Forms Description, MACS 400-2. Current FIRESCOPE ICS forms may be available from the OES Document Control Section via the Internet at:

<http://firescope.org>

For forms and other documents not available via the Internet, units should place consolidated orders, no more than once per month, with the CAL FIRE FIRESCOPE Division Chief at the Sierra-South Region Office, Riverside.

Requested forms and documents should be listed on a Materiel Requisition and Transfer (F-72). Be sure to code the F-72 with the correct CALSTARS coding. Current prices are listed in the FIREScope Document Price List, available from the CAL FIRE FIREScope Division Chief.

The FIREScope Division Chief will submit a consolidated CAL FIRE order to OES monthly. When the order is received, the MRT will be completed and the documents will be shipped to the ordering unit and the costs coded to the requesting unit or program.

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