

## **NON-CAL FIRE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT**

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Managing major emergencies will usually require hiring non-CAL FIRE personnel and equipment and requesting assistance from various governmental and other organizations to supplement the CAL FIRE's regular fire control forces.

Although wide latitude is granted to field personnel for acquiring these resources, established rules and procedures must be followed.

This chapter presents rules and procedures for using hired personnel and equipment, as well as emergency firefighters (EFF), OES, military, National Guard, and organized fire departments on CAL FIRE fires. (Also see the following section of the Incident Fiscal Management Handbook: E-Fund Policy 3821, OES 3827, Local Government 3836.15 and 3847.7 and National Guard 3836.16.)

### **PRIVATELY-OWNED FIRE ENGINES**

#### **- CONDITIONS FOR UTILIZATION**

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During times of maximum incident commitment, CAL FIRE may have a need to hire privately-owned fire engines. The use of private fire engines can facilitate the rapid restoration of initial attack capabilities by making CAL FIRE engines available for initial attack/immediate need assignments. The preferred role for hired private fire engines is for mop-up, incident support, and rehabilitation of an incident rather than initial attack. However, under conditions of extraordinary statewide commitment of resources, there may be times when their use in an initial attack role or other assignment is necessary. Such use will require the direct supervision of a CAL FIRE officer. The department may exercise the right to hire private fire engines without a crew and staff the hired fire engine totally or partially with department personnel.

When any CAL FIRE unit has a need for fire engine services under an assistance-by-hire agreement, incident commanders and unit managers are encouraged to consider all options, including both government-owned and privately owned engines. Managers should consider availability, apparatus capabilities, crew capabilities, training, and cost when making these decisions.

Nothing in this policy precludes the state from utilizing any agency or cooperator's resources first or replacing "hired fire engines" with any agency or cooperator's resources.

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