

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES)

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By prearranged agreements or during extreme emergencies, the CAL FIRE may request the use of OES engines and communication units which are regularly assigned to various agencies and subdivisions of state and local government.

This equipment shall not be requested except when there is need for it to protect structures or communities which are immediately threatened by or involved in a forest fire, or when available CAL FIRE equipment is inadequate to cope with the fire problem at hand.

Requests shall be made by a responsible CAL FIRE official. All requests shall be for a specified number of OES engines and a specified number of personnel and shall be transmitted through prescribed dispatching channels.

PROCEDURES FOR USE OF OES ENGINES

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When ordering and using OES engines on CAL FIRE fires, consideration should be given to the following items:

- OES will provide the necessary gas and oil for equipment going to and returning from fires.
- CAL FIRE will provide gas, oil, normal servicing, and minor repairs occasioned by the use of OES engines on fires. Minor repairs are defined as repair jobs which are necessary to keep the equipment in operation on the fire and which require not more than two hours on any one job for one mechanic.
- Agencies other than the Department of Corrections may claim reimbursement for services rendered if the period of response exceeds 12 hours. In this event, a CAL FIRE agency representative shall complete and sign three copies of OES form 42 (one copy retained for records pertaining to fire, one copy delivered to the operator of the OES engine, and one copy through channels to OES files).
- CAL FIRE form FC-33 is not required for OES engines.

SUPERVISION

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The incident commander must direct and coordinate all OES apparatus during its use under CAL FIRE direction.

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