

FIRE BEHAVIOR ANALYST – INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS

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CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams (IMT) shall include a person trained to the level of S-590 Advanced Fire Behavior Interpretation, and fill the role of the Fire Behavior Analyst (FBAN) in the Plans Section of the IMT structure.

FBAN TRAINING AND TASK BOOK

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The CAL FIRE IMT FBANs shall be a graduate of the National S-590 class, given once every two years at the National Advanced Fire And Resource Institute (NAFRI) in Tucson, Arizona. The course at NAFRI is the only S-590 course available in the nation and requires out of state travel arrangements. To become fully qualified for CAL FIRE IMT FBAN assignments, a candidate is required to complete a mentorship with a working FBAN, complete S-590, successfully complete training assignments, and complete a FBAN training task book. To ensure a qualified FBAN is available for IMT assignments, Units should support and plan to maintain at least one qualified FBAN per Unit.

OTHER DUTIES OF FBANS

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Trained and Qualified FBANS because of their specialized training and experience can often be a good choice for the Unit or Region Fire Environment Point of Contact. Most FBANs have attended S-491 and are familiar with RAWS operations and maintenance.

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