

## **8100 PROCEDURE 344**

### **Resource Ordering - Portable Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS)**

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(See HB 7800 – Fire Weather)

Portable RAWS are quick-deploy automated weather stations that can be deployed on a temporary basis for the purpose of monitoring weather data on an incident or project. CAL FIRE has portable RAWS assigned to the Regions and prepositioned throughout the state. These portable RAWS will transmit hourly weather data via satellite through the Wildland Fire Management Information (WFMI) to various web-based data centers (e.g. Western Regional Climate Center and ROMAN). In addition, CAL FIRE portable RAWS have the capability to transmit data over VHF radio frequencies. Additional portable RAWS are available for incident use through the National Interagency Fire Cache (NIFC). Use of a Fire RAWS Technician is required when ordering federal portable RAWS for setup and testing.

#### **Responsibilities and Action**

##### **ECC**

1. Receive the request for a portable RAWS (Kit, Fire RAWS); enter the request into the resource ordering system of record. Include contact person and delivery location.
2. Generate a request for a Fire RAWS Technician (FRWS) as necessary, fill with local resource if available.
3. Place unfilled request(s) to the Region OCC.

##### **Region OCC**

1. Receive request in the resource ordering system of record.
2. Determine the closest resource and place request with appropriate CC. If CAL FIRE portable RAWS are unavailable, place request(s) to the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) to access the NIFC Fire RAWS and/or FRWS.
  - a. NIFC requests require Bill To information (address, contact and phone number) and Ship To information (address, jet port, contact person and phone number) in the resource order.

##### **Any CC**

1. Upon receipt of a resource request, fill request with appropriate resource.

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