

REQUEST FOR CAL FIRE RESOURCES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT INCIDENTS

8162

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[\(See Policy 8511 – Mutual Assistance\)](#)

[\(See Policy 3820 – Non Fire Emergencies\)](#)

[\(See Policy 3821.1 – Purpose of the Emergency Fund\)](#)

"Mutual Aid" is utilized when an emergency incident is likely to exceed, or has exceeded, the ability of a responsible entity to control it. A local government agency shall take all actions within its capacity to mitigate a potential or ongoing emergency, and have reasonably exhausted local resources before requesting outside assistance through the California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System.

The California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan (Mutual Aid Plan) provides for assistance without reimbursement prior to declaration of a local emergency, as defined in the California Emergency Services Act. A local government entity may request this assistance once it determines its ability to control an incident is unlikely. State resources, regardless of type or kind, may be used to provide this assistance.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is the coordinator for all resource requests under the Mutual Aid Plan. OES coordinates the use of local government agency, state and federal resources based on availability and resource capabilities.

Responses covered under the Emergency Services Act provide liability protection as well as documentation needed for potential reimbursement. Absent a mission tasking number these levels of protection may not exist.

REQUEST FOR CAL FIRE RESOURCES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FIRE INCIDENTS

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[\(See Updated State Fire and Rescue Resource Mutual Aid Guidelines Letter 11-1-10\)](#)

[\(See 8100p601 – Requests for CAL FIRE Resources for Local Government Fire Incident\)](#)

The OES Fire and Rescue Division coordinates the requests for master mutual aid resources for fire incidents within the jurisdiction of local fire departments. Examples of fire incidents include: fires (i.e. wildland and structure), rescue, hazmat, urban search and rescue.

In the event of a fire or rescue incident, local government agencies may request resources directly from their CAL FIRE Unit.

Requests for CAL FIRE resources placed directly from local government agencies to the CAL FIRE Unit may be filled with Unit resources at the Unit Duty Chief's discretion.

Any requests that are unable to be filled with CAL FIRE Unit resources will be placed to the appropriate Region OCC.

Costs associated with this commitment of resources to mitigate vegetation fires may be charged to the Emergency Fund.

REQUEST FOR CAL FIRE RESOURCES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT INCIDENTS

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[\(See 8100p602 – Requests for CAL FIRE Resources for Local Government Law Enforcement Incidents\)](#)

The OES Law Enforcement Division coordinates the requests for master mutual aid resources for law incidents and emergencies. Examples of law incidents and emergencies include: search and rescue, riots, manhunts, terrorism threats.

In the event of a law enforcement incident, local government agencies may request resources directly from their CAL FIRE Unit or order resources via the OES Law Enforcement Division Ordering System (Mission Tasking).

Requests for CAL FIRE resources placed directly from local government agencies to the CAL FIRE Unit may be filled with Unit resources at the Unit Duty Chief's discretion. Any requests that are unable to be filled with CAL FIRE Unit resources must be ordered via the OES Law Enforcement Division Ordering System (Mission Tasking) and will be processed by OES, and filled with the most appropriate resource. If there is an imminent life or property threat, and CAL FIRE resources from another Unit are believed to be the most appropriate for response, the Unit Duty Chief shall contact the Region Duty Chief for approval.

Any commitment of CAL FIRE resources to assist local government will require the completion and submittal of the "Notification of CAL FIRE Resources Assigned to Non-Fire Incidents-Worksheet".

Any costs associated with this commitment of resources may be charged to the Unit's Operating Fund.

REQUEST FOR CAL FIRE RESOURCES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT NON-FIRE, NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT INCIDENTS 8162.3

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[\(See 8100p603 – Requests for CAL FIRE Resources to Local Government Non-Fire, Non-Law Enforcement Incidents\)](#)

OES Emergency Management coordinates the requests for master mutual aid resources for non-fire, non-law enforcement incidents and emergencies. Examples of non-fire, non-law enforcement incidents include: floods, earthquakes, tsunamis. In the event of a non-fire, non-law enforcement incident, local government agencies may request resources directly from their CAL FIRE Unit or order resources via the OES Emergency Management Ordering System (Mission Tasking).

Requests for CAL FIRE resources placed directly from local government agencies to the CAL FIRE Unit may be filled with Unit resources at the Unit Duty Chief's discretion.

The Unit Duty Chief may request an OES Mission Tasking number for CAL FIRE Unit resources. The request for this Mission Tasking number shall be initiated by the requesting Agency via the OES Emergency Management Ordering System.

Note: If the resource utilized is a CDCR/CAL FIRE inmate crew, one mission number will be assigned to cover both agencies. See "Combined Mission Tasking" in Exhibits.

Any requests that are unable to be filled with CAL FIRE Unit resources must be ordered via the OES Emergency Management Ordering System (Mission Tasking) and will be processed by OES with the most appropriate resource.

Any commitment of CAL FIRE resources to assist local government for non-fire incidents will require the completion and submittal of the "Notification of CAL FIRE Resources Assigned to Non-Fire Incidents-Worksheet".

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