

## **CAL FIRE OUT OF STATE RESPONSE OF RESOURCES 8167** **(No.19 May 2002)**

[\(See HB 8100p600 – Out of State Use of CAL FIRE Personnel and Equipment\)](#)

Through the terms of the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement between the CAL FIRE, BLM, USFS, and NPS (Cooperative Fire Services Handbook 8500, Exhibit 8521a), and the Western States Forest Fire Compact, CAL FIRE may respond with resources to emergency incidents outside the state of California. Each fiscal year the department submits a request for blanket out-of-state travel authority to support these responses.

### **CRITERIA FOR USE OF CAL FIRE RESOURCES OUT OF STATE** **(No.19 May 2002)**

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1. The request must come from one of the following:
  - A. The National Interagency Coordination Center, via the Northern or Southern GACC's. The GACC dispatchers will pass the order to Region CC staff; or,
  - B. The headquarters of any appropriate state agency which is signatory to the Interstate Compact (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming and Nevada). Oregon and Nevada will contact the Coast-Cascade Region CC directly. Other signatory states will contact the Sacramento CC.
  - C. Through the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to the Sacramento Command Center. These requests require the approval of the Assistant Deputy or the Deputy Director for Fire Protection.
2. The request must have an appropriate Order and Request Number. If Assistant Deputy or the Deputy Director for Fire Protection approval is required, the Region CC will first contact the SacCC and obtain required approvals before filling the order.
3. The response of personnel and/or equipment out-of-state must not compromise CAL FIRE's ability to fulfill its protection responsibilities within California.

CAL FIRE hand crews (CDC and CYA) may be dispatched to Nevada within 25 air miles of the California state line. CCC crews may be sent to any of the signatory states.

## CAL FIRE RESOURCE OUT OF STATE LIMITATIONS

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With permission of their Duty Chief, Sac CC and/or Region CC personnel may, without Assistant Deputy or the Deputy Director for Fire Protection approval, immediately process any request meeting the stated criteria as long as the aggregate totals for resources out of state do not exceed the following limits:

- 10 engine companies
- 15 overhead employees
- 12 hand crews (Nevada only for CAL FIRE/CDC and CAL FIRE/CYA crews per 8122.5.3.1 above)
- 1 One primary air tactical with officer
- CAL FIRE employees assigned to a National Fire Team
- Initial attack air tankers, if located at the closest air base
- Initial attack helicopter, if located at the closest helibase
- 1 CAL FIRE Agency Representative

Any request beyond these limits or other specific resources must be approved by the Deputy Director or the Assistant Deputy Director for Fire Protection. As soon as the Region or SacCC has processed a request for CAL FIRE out-of-state response, the Department duty chief must be notified.

If filling the order generates out-of-state travel expenses, the SacCC must be notified through channels. The sending unit will then immediately initiate a list of personnel assigned to the incident (see "[Procedure #600](#), Out-of-State Use of CAL FIRE Personnel and Equipment," for details). This list must include name, title, home unit, dates of absence and total travel expenses, including cost of transportation. When the order is closed out, the Region CC will forward the list to the Sacramento CC and request that a [Standard Form 257](#) (Request for Approval of Out-of-State Travel) be initiated. The Sacramento CC will then route the list to the Headquarters Fire Protection Administrative Officer for further processing.

Whenever CAL FIRE assists another agency, a CAL FIRE officer will be assigned as the CAL FIRE Agency Representative. IF CAL FIRE's commitment is small (one or two single resources or strike teams) and/or the anticipated duration is short (less than 24 hours), the ranking CAL FIRE officer responding may be designated as agency representative by the sending ECC. Whenever CAL FIRE's commitment is greater than the criteria mentioned above, a separate individual will be dispatched as the CAL FIRE Agency Representative.

This assignment will be coordinated through the Department Duty Chief so the needs of CAL FIRE and the requesting agency may be met. Only the most qualified employees should represent the department in these assignments.

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