

## **THE INTERSTATE CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER COMPACT**

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### **BACKGROUND, AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE**

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On December 10, 1951, the Governor of California signed the Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact that was ratified by the state legislature and became law under the Government Code as Sections 177 and 178.

Generally, the purpose of the Compact is to provide mutual aid among the states in meeting any emergency or natural disaster. It is intended to be broad-based, covering the basic elements of mutual assistance. To meet the specific differing needs between individual states, the Compact provides that two or more states may enter into supplemental agreements. California subsequently entered into two supplemental agreements that directly impact the California fire service.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS**

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One of the two supplemental agreements, dated 1993, includes the Southwestern Caucus of states (Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah). This agreement provides for assistance in responding to any emergency, disaster or imminent emergency or disaster, which extends the ability of local and state governments to reduce, counteract or remove the danger. It incorporates the concept of all-risk emergency response, including fire, and is administered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES). Tasking of CDF resources under this agreement will be initiated by OES.

The second supplemental agreement, dated 1987 and titled Supplemental Agreement and Plan No. 77-1, is for Interstate Cooperation and Joint Exercise of Powers Under Emergency Forest Fire Conditions. The participants of this agreement are the specific forest fire protection departments of the states of California, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Nevada, and Utah. The objectives of this agreement are to provide, during emergency conditions, the most effective use of the collective forest firefighting expertise and resources of the states that are party to this agreement and to plan, facilitate and simplify procedures for coordination and cooperation. Resources provided under this agreement are reimbursable.

Under the Supplemental Agreement and Plan No. 77-1, the following specific procedures are established to identify the available services and to plan implementation and responsibilities of the receiving and sending state.

- The CDF State/Federal Cooperative Fire Program is responsible for updating and maintaining the supplemental agreement, as necessary.
- Each state agrees to furnish, to each other, an inventory of the resources and services available and update this information by June 15 each year. In addition, each state will designate the office responsible for initiating requests or responding to requests for services pursuant to the plan.
- The CDF Fire Protection Operations office in Sacramento Headquarters is responsible for providing and updating, as changes occur, the contact and resource information to the other member states.
- The Sacramento Duty Chief is the responsible designated officer for receiving requests for resources and services under the plan. Such requests will be processed as outlined in the Duty Chief Handbook.

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