

IMET Incident Response

In addition to following direction in the National Mobilization Guide, the following direction is clarification for the Geographic Area Coordination Centers (GACC) in California:

When an IMET is requested for an incident, **the request will be placed to the GACC.** The GACC will notify the National Fire Weather Operations Coordinator (NFWOC) at NIFC at 1-877-323-IMET (4638).

The GACCs will maintain a list of qualified IMETs and trainees in the Resource Ordering and Staffing System (ROSS) by Weather Forecasting Office (WFO) identifier, and provide dispatching services for the NWS in California. This list will be updated annually based on the list that is published in the California Fire Weather Annual Operating Plan. IMETs will be dispatched by the GACCs in California as if they are GACC employees.

When the NFWOC determines who will fill the incident request, the information will be relayed back to the GACC. If the IMET is within the requesting GACC, the IMET will be mobilized using ROSS.

If the IMET is in the California GACC that is not hosting the incident, the request will be placed through Selection Area to the other GACC.

If the identified IMET is not in a California WFO, the IMET request will be edited to add a Name Request and placed up to NICC who will place the request to the appropriate GACC.

The following list designates which California GACC will status and dispatch personnel for the California WFOs. Status can be maintained available/Local until requested to reduce work:

Redding PS

Eureka WFO
Sacramento WFO
San Francisco/Monterey WFO

Riverside PS

Hanford WFO
Los Angeles/Oxnard WFO
San Diego WFO

IMET personnel from Medford WFO, Reno WFO, Phoenix WFO and Las Vegas WFO shall be requested through NICC to their respective GACC using a Name Request.

The procedures for requesting IMETs will follow the guidelines outlined in the National Interagency Agreement, Administrative Procedures section of the current National Mobilization Guide, Personnel section of the current California Mobilization Guide, and CALFIRE Procedure No. 302.

The following information will be provided to the requested IMET:

- Name of fire
- Location of fire
- Name of Incident Commander, Plans Chief, and Fire Behavior Analyst, if available.
- Directions to Incident Command Post where the IMET is to report.
- Resource Order number for IMET.

Additionally, the user agency is responsible for providing adequate shelter to allow the equipment and fire weather meteorologist to function efficiently. This would include a location that is free of excessive dust, heat and moisture, protection from wind and other elements, table, and chair. Transportation and shelter arrangements should be made at the time of request; 120 volt AC power is desirable.

The following is a list of IMETs, and All-hazard Meteorological Response System (AMRS) in the Northern and Southern California Area:

Northern and Southern California Area IMETs: (T) designates a trainee

NWS IMETs:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>ROSS Unit ID</u>
Eureka, CA	Jeff Tonkin	NWS	CA-EKAW
Hanford, CA	Dan Harty	NWS	CA-HNXW
	James Dudley	NWS	CA-HNXW
Las Vegas, NV	Andy Gorelow	NWS	NV-VEFW
Medford, OR	Frederic Bunnag	NWS	OR-MFRW
	Shad Keene	NWS	OR-MFRW
Monterey, CA	Ryan Walbrun	NWS	CA-MTRW
	Matt Mehle	NWS	CA-MTRW
Oxnard, CA	Rich Thompson	NWS	CA-LOXW
Phoenix, AZ	Valerie Meyers	NWS	AZ-PSRW
Reno, NV	Alex Hoon	NWS	NV-REWW
	Jim Wallmann	NWS	NV-REWW
Sacramento, CA	Jason Clapp	NWS	CA-STOW
	Mike Smith	NWS	CA-STOW
San Diego, CA	Stefanie Sullivan	NWS	CA-SGXW