

Chapter 30 – Crews

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California Conservation Corps (CCC)

CCC Support and Type 2 crews are available for assignments nationwide. Support crews can be utilized for a wide variety of incident support activities not requiring direct supervision such as traffic control, runners, equipment set-up, waste management, etc.

CCC Type 2 crews are fully equipped, and the crew supervisors are federally qualified Crew Bosses. CCC Type 2 crews will be available through their local Unit or through the CCC Duty Officer. All calls for Support crew assistance go directly to the CCC Duty Officer. The CCC Duty Officer will secure the closest available resource for the assignment.

CCC Type 1 crews are CAL FIRE Type 1 crews and shall be ordered in the current ordering system of record as:

CRW1 - Fire Crew, Crew, T1.

Unit and/or GACC:

When ordering Support crews contact CCC Duty Officer 24-hour contact number at 916-599-1415 and leave a message. If no answer within 2 hours, call CCC Emergency Manager at 916-698-4685 or 916-764-9922 (cell).

For CCC Support crews, order in the current ordering system of record as: CRWC – Non-Fire Crew - Camp

For CCC Type 2 crews, order in the current ordering system of record as: CRW2 - Fire Crew, Crew, T2.

When two or more CCC crews are ordered, the CCC may request an Agency Representative to assist the crews while on assignment. CCC crews can be ordered 24 hours per day but do not respond to incidents between 2200-0600 hours due to safety, driving, and union concerns.

Once fill information is provided by the CCC Duty Officer, the Host Unit or GACC will fill the crew and overhead request using Contract Agreement Tab in the current ordering system of record. If there is a new assignment for a CCC support or type 2 crew, they should be released from the first assignment and then filled by the new requesting unit/forest under the Contract Agreement Tab in the current ordering system of record.

CAL FIRE Type 1

CAL FIRE fire crews are comprised of two types of crew members, custodial and non-custodial. Non-custodial Crews are staffed with CAL FIRE firefighters, CCC, or CMD and have less restrictions than custodial crews. Custodial crews are comprised of CDCR inmates. Custodial firefighters require supervision during off-shift periods and are limited to incidents within the confines of California. Reciprocal agreements have been made with the State of Nevada, allowing these crews to respond to wildland fires threatening the State of California up to 25 air miles within the Nevada border. They are trained for wildland firefighting and, in some cases, for Urban Search and Rescue missions.

CAL FIRE may require that all CAL FIRE crews be ordered in Strike Team configuration when responding to incidents outside their home Unit.

The CAL FIRE crew will consist of 12-17 crew firefighters and one (1) Fire Captain. With adult inmate CAL FIRE crews, California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (CDCR) custodial personnel will accompany the crews to provide off-shift supervision. Custodial coverage will be arranged and dispatched by the sending CAL FIRE Camp. Technical Specialists Crews (THSC) will be ordered when the number of crews assigned to an incident reaches seven (7), and the fire is expected to actively burn into the next burning period. This number will remain flexible to meet special needs; such as duration of incident, complexity of incident, or custodial problems.

For logistical considerations, CAL FIRE utilizes male and female inmate crews and must be housed separately. The female crews are from Puerta La Cruz camp. In addition, Los Angeles County male and female inmate crews fall under CDCR and are used statewide.

CAL FIRE crews are ordered in the current ordering system of record as: CRW1 - Fire Crew, Crew, T1.

If a CDCR Agency Representative has not been ordered, once the crews and custodial personnel are on the incident the senior custodial officer will request an order/request number for a CDCR Agency Representative through the Incident Commander. The senior custodial officer will notify his/her agency of the requirement for a CDCR Agency Representative and will take the responsibility for making direct contact with the individual to fill the order/request. The CDCR Agency Representative will be requested from the unit where the fire is located and will be filled with agreement in the current ordering system of record by the host Unit. Reference CALFIRE Handbook 8100, procedure 8141-64.

Federal

Annually, each Unit will provide their respective GACC a list of the crews administered by their Unit. All crews will consist of 20 members. When crews are mobilized to an incident, the minimum crew strength will be 18 members. When any combination of crews numbering four or more are committed to an incident out of State, an Interagency Resource Representative (IARR) may be assigned by the GACC.

NWCG Minimum Crew Standards for national mobilization, reference the National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization, [NISRM- Chapter 30 Crews](#).

Type 1 Hotshot

Hotshot Crews must meet the minimum National Type 1 Crew standards. Crew listing is available at [Interagency Hotshot Crews \(IHC\) | US Forest Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

The GACC will coordinate all movement of these Crews. Units may commit their Type I Federal Crews to initial attack incidents in the Unit. Response to cooperators' requests for Assistance by Hire in the immediate vicinity of the mutual threat area can be initiated by the Units. Both above actions will be followed by immediate notification to the GACC of resource commitment.

When Type 1 federal crews are flown to an incident, it may be necessary or requested by the ordering GACC for arrangements to be made to follow up with crew vehicles, when the home Unit or GACC can provide drivers. Sending GACCs have the responsibility to coordinate and arrange for transportation of

these vehicles. Efforts will be coordinated with the home Unit and local GACC for overhead that are en-route to the same incident and could benefit from the transportation. The home Unit will arrange for transportation to the incident for crew members not initially mobilized. This practice is not intended for crew or module members other than Type 1 Crews.

Ordered in the current ordering system of record as: CRW1 - Fire Crew, Crew, T1

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Interagency Hotshot Crews as Type 2 IA, Type 2, or Suppression Modules

When Interagency Hotshot crews fall below the level identified in the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations they may still be dispatched as a T2IA, T2 Crew, or Suppression Module provided they meet the standards for the lesser qualification. Naming conventions for these crews will be as follows:

Example: CR2I – Fire Crew – Crew, T2 IA Del Rosa IHC

Example: SMOD - Groups – Module, Suppression – Big Bear IHC

Smokejumpers

A 40 person Smokejumper crew is based at the Northern California Service Center in Redding. Smokejumpers can be utilized as a Type 2IA Crew. Approximately 30% of the crew is Crew Boss rated and most Smokejumper supervisors hold Division Supervisor ratings. At least 50% of the Smokejumpers are qualified Class C Timber Fallers and the entire crew is trained in the use of cross-cut saws. Approximately 90% of smokejumpers are certified as EMR, EMT, or above, with some receiving additional training on the use and administration of epinephrine and IV fluids, for use on Forest Service and fireline personnel.

Type 2 Initial Attack (Type 2 IA)

Type 2 IA Crews can initial attack fires, be broken up into squads, and perform firing operations.

Type 2 Regular

Regular Crews that do not meet the criteria of a Type 1 Crew as outlined in the ICS 420-1, Resource Designation List. Regular Crews are formed as needed. They are comprised of Unit employees normally assigned to various disciplines on the Unit. Regular Crews are Unit resources and are considered part of the national mobility concept. GACCs will coordinate movement of these crews.

Ordered in the current ordering system of record as: CRW2 – Fire Crew, T2

Type 2 Organization

Organized Crews (OC) are emergency firefighting employees. Crew members must meet the same training and physical standards established for other Unit crews. Organized Crews are sponsored or contracted by various Units. Sponsoring Units are responsible for training, outfitting, mobilizing, and paying the crews. Organized Crews are Unit resources but are considered part of the national mobility concept. GACCs will coordinate movement of the crews. Organized agency Type 2 IA crews attempting to transport chain saws on other than NIFC contract jets should be prepared to ship their chain saws via an alternative method should loading be refused.

Each hand crew will have the standard configuration for supervision as Regular Crews. This consists of a Unit Crew Supervisor and three Squad Bosses. These supervisory positions may be filled with agency personnel or Administratively Hired (AD) personnel who meet all the NWCG 310-1 and Forest Service standards for each position.

A Crew Representative may be assigned if the Crew Supervisor does not meet Crew Representative standards specified in Chapter 20 of FSH 5109.17 Wildland Fire Qualifications Guide. If an AD Crew Supervisor is used, a Crew Representative will be dispatched with the Organized Crew. A single Crew Representative may be assigned to one or more Organized Crews. The total makeup of the crew will meet National Standards of 20 people per crew.

Ordered in the current ordering system of record as: CRW2 – Fire Crew, T2

Crews Flying Commercially

Crews attempting to transport chain saws on other than NIFC contract jets should be prepared to ship their chain saws via an alternative method should loading be refused. Organized Type 2 IA and Type 2 Crews may come equipped with hand tools and chain saws.

Organized Camp Crews

Order in the current ordering system of record as: CRWC - Crew, Camp.

Local Government

For information regarding standards, reference the [Operational System Description for Local Government Hand Crews ICS 156-1](#)

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