



**30th Annual
2026 CALIFORNIA INTERAGENCY WILDLAND
FIRE RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING SYMPOSIUM
San Diego, California**

April 7 – 9, 2026

Hotel Info <http://www.halfmooninn.com>

Day 1	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
April 7 Tuesday	0800 - 0900	Registration / Check In	
	0900 - 0930	Opening, Introductions & Logistics	Bill Bondshu – Symposium Chair Darrin Yost – Committee Chair
	0930 - 1000	Welcome from San Diego Fire and Rescue	Willy Melendez - San Diego Fire & Rescue
	1000 - 1015	Break	
	1015 - 1145	Beyond the Fireline	Dr. Brian Blackburn – University of Illinois Chicago
	1145 - 1300	Lunch	
		Facilitator	Dave Stone – OES FIRE
	1300 – 1330	P.G.& E. Update	Russ Fowler – Senior Manager PG&E
	1330 - 1415	Situational Awareness using Tablet Command	Jake Pelk – Tablet Command
	1415- 1515	Fire Adapt – A Decision Support Framework	Rachael Brady – Western Fire Chiefs Matt Maher – Western Fire Chiefs
	1515 - 1530	Break	
	1530 - 1600	Cal Fire Aviation Update	Jake Marks – CAL FIRE
	1600 - 1700	Switchback Foundation, Practical Tools for Having a Thriving Team (Part 1)	Steven Falk – CEO Switchback
	1700 - 1900	After Hours Networking Lawn area next to room #342	



DAY 2	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
April 8 Wednesday		Facilitator	Ryan Aeby – FWS
	0800 – 0930	Incident Strategic Alignment Process	Josh Eichamer – FMO- Six Rivers NF
	0930 - 1000	Hydration Under Pressure	Megan Lautz, MS, RD, CSCS, TSAC-F RescueRD LLC
	1000 - 1015	Break	
	1015 - 1045	San Diego Gas & Electric Update	Burke Kremensky – SDG&E
	1045 - 1115	Wildfire Forecast & Threat Intelligence Integration Center	Kenneth Kempster- Cal OES
	1115 - 1145	Watch Duty Intelligence	Kevin Fetterman – Senior VP
	1145 - 1300	Lunch	
		Facilitator	Nate Gogna – BIA
	1300 - 1400	Wellness Leadership Program	Dr. Chris Hopper – Cal Poly Humboldt
	1400 - 1430	FIRESCOPE Incident Safety	Michael Klusyk – Santa Barbara County Fire
	1430 - 1445	Break	
	1445 - 1515	FIRESCOPE Cancer Prevention	Derek Urwin PHD – LA County Fire
	1515 - 1600	Lithium-Ion Battery Case Study: 2025 SoCal Wildfires	Rob Rezende – San Diego Fire & Rescue
	1600 - 1700	Switchback Foundation, Practical Tools for Having a Thriving Team (Part 2)	Steven Falk – CEO Switchback
	1700 - 2000	San Diego Firehouse Museum	1572 Columbia Street

DAY 3	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
April 9 Thursday	Hawaiian Shirt Day	Facilitator	Jesse Morris – CAL FIRE
	0800 – 0930	Switchback Foundation, Practical Tools for Having a Thriving Team (Part 3)	Steven Falk – CEO Switchback
	0930 - 1000	Southern California Edison Update	Troy Whitman - SCE
	1000 - 1015	Break	
	1015 - 1045	USFS Aviation Update	Kyle Tolosano - USFS
	1045 – 1145	First Responder Mental Health Awareness	John Bates – Chula Vista Fire Retired
	1145 - 1300	Lunch	
		Facilitator	Mike Klusyk – Santa Barbara County Fire
	1300 - 1400	Managing Risk by Increasing Aircraft Effectiveness	Bill Shuster – Blazetamer 360
	1400 – 1500	ICS 167 FIRESCOPE Maritime Operations System Description	Gene Fong – Ventura County Fire
	1500 – 1515	Break	
	1515 - 1615	California National Guard - FireGuard	SSG Tom Nguyen – California National Guard
	1615 - 1630	Symposium Close Out	Cadre
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