

Chapter 20 – Overhead/Teams

Overhead

Units will maintain a list of qualified personnel for assignments and keep their qualifications current in the current ordering system of record and/or the agency's system of record. Units will maintain a hard copy of personnel qualifications, to serve as a backup to the current ordering system of record.

If a request is required to be self-sufficient it means the resource will be able to provide their own food, lodging and local transportation if needed.

Name Requests

Overhead can be name requested. Prior to placing the request, the ordering Unit will receive confirmation of availability, supervisor approval, Unit ID, and verify person is qualified or trainee in the current ordering system of record for the requested position.

The CalOES Name Request Justification form is required for all local government overhead name requests with the exception of IMT members. IMT members rostered in the current ordering system of record, on the initial fill of the team, do not require a Name Request Justification form. Team members responding after the initial team roster has been filled in the current ordering system of record require a Name Request Justification form.

This form should be used once a resource order has been returned "Unable To Fill" at both California GACC's.

This form may be used for hard to obtain or specialize resources identified as Critical Needs.

The form can be located at: <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/CalOES%20-%20Name%20Request%20Form%20-%2020140901uax.pdf>

Pre-suppression/suppression detail requests in the current ordering system of record must be accompanied by a Preparedness/Detail Request form. Form will be submitted to the GACC. Refer to the California Interagency Mobilization Guide, Appendix for the link to this form.

https://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/coord_forms/detail_request_2014.pdf

Specialized Overhead

All specialized overhead will be ordered through the normal ordering process unless otherwise specified.

Air Resource Advisor – ARA -Federal

The need for an ARA will vary based on conditions with the incident, topography, weather, population, exposure risk, dispersion and area attainment designation. An incident smoke footprint can often span multiple air quality and public health jurisdictions as well as state boundaries. The ARA involvement will range from factors encompassing incident management to community, state, and tribal coordination with agency administrators.

1 All ARA order requests will be placed by the appropriate GACC. Requests will often be initiated by
 2 incidents, GACC's, Agency Administrators, or agency Air Quality Program staff. All orders will be
 3 coordinated as name requests with the Washington Office (WO) FAM Smoke Coordinator. Orders are
 4 authorized to commence upon concurrence of the requesting official. GACC Predictive Service
 5 Meteorologists may be asked to help facilitate the orders. Duty locations may vary from incidents to
 6 GACC's depending on complexity and occurrence of multiple events.

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 8 Air Quality Monitoring equipment can be ordered through agency air quality staff and will be coordinated,
 9 as necessary, with the California Air Resources Board Office of Emergency Services, Tribes and respective
 10 Air Quality Management Districts.

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 12 Ordered in the current ordering system of record as: THSPs with the special needs "Air Resource Advisor"
 13 then placed to the GACC.

14 Key contacts:

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Brent Wachter - NOPS	brent.wachter@usda.gov	505-414-0227
Andrea Nick - Air Quality Program	andrea.nick@usda.gov	626-590-4451(cell)

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 16 **Archaeologists (ARCH)** – All Agencies

17 Efforts should be made to incorporate archaeologists into the fire organization. Federal - a list should be
 18 available at each Federal Unit of qualified archaeologists. Unit archaeologist should be pre identified.
 19 CAL FIRE – all requests for archaeologists will placed to the appropriate GACC.

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 21 **Blasters- Federal**

22 Blasters are highly specialized positions that meet specific agency/incident objectives.

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 24 Ordering unit must specify type of blaster
 25 Fireline Explosive Advisor (FLEA)
 26 Fireline Explosive Blaster-in-Charge (FLEB)
 27 Fireline Explosive Crewmember (FLEC)

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 29 A blaster may request a fire suppression crew to be present at the blast site because certain types of
 30 explosives can start fires. In order to determine which blasting materials are right for a job, the blaster will
 31 communicate with local staff to discuss the job details, site conditions, and desired results

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 33 Certified blasters must have a "Hazard Trees" endorsement on their certification cards to fell danger trees
 34 with explosives. A commercial driver's license and vehicle with proper placards are required when
 35 transporting blasting materials. Blaster examiners in each region are responsible for training, coordination,
 36 and management of regional blasting programs.

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 38 **Cost Share Specialist** – All Agencies

- 1 Cost Share incidents (multi-jurisdictional, unified command) may require special skills to develop a cost
- 2 share agreement. When determined by the incident and the incident management team, Cost Share
- 3 Technical Specialists can be ordered. In most cases, the expectation is to have a Cost Share Specialist
- 4 representative from each agency having jurisdiction on the incident
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- 6 Federal - Cost Share Specialist orders will be coordinated with the appropriate federal incident business
- 7 coordinator (listed below) to ensure resource assignments are commensurate with the complexity of the
- 8 incident.
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North Ops

CA-EKAW Eureka WFO

CA-STOW Sacramento WFO

CA-MTRW San Francisco/Monterey WFO

HI-HFOW Honolulu WFO

AS-PPOW Pago Pago/American Samoa WFO

South Ops

CA-HNXW Hanford WFO

CA-LOXW Los Angeles/Oxnard WFO

CA-SGXW San Diego WFO

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12 **Interagency Incident Business Advisors (INBA) – Federal**13 INBAs provide oversight on administrative and financial activities and serve under the authority of the
14 Agency15 Administrator, as per each agency's policy. INBA orders, including name requests will be coordinated with
16 the appropriate federal incident business coordinator (listed below) to ensure resource assignments are
17 commensurate with the complexity of the incident.

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20 In some situations, IBA assignments are filled with an individual from the local Unit. Orders will be
21 initiated by incident host Unit, not the Incident Management Team.

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23 **Infrared Interpreters (IRIN) – All Agencies**

24 All national infrared flights require an Infrared Interpreter be ordered.

25 All requests for IRINs will be placed with the GACC. The GACC overhead desk will work with the
26 California or National IR Coordinator to find a qualified IRIN. The GACC and the IR coordinator will

- 1 determine who is going to be the IRIN and which incidents they will support; IRINs can do multiple
- 2 incidents.
- 3 For additional ordering information, refer to California Interagency Mobilization Guide, Chapter 50.
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Short-Haul Boosters (SHLR) and Short-Haul Spotter (SHLS) - Federal

Booster orders will be placed on an overhead order as SHLR for Short-Hauler and SHLS for Short Haul Spotter and may be filled by individuals from multiple bases. Short-Haul bases shall coordinate with their local GACC and/or NICC on boost requests and status. At a minimum, orders shall be filled with (6) Short-Haulers and a manager to support needs documented on the aircraft order through the current ordering system of record. The Short-Haul spotter/manager will determine transportation needs for the additional short-haulers on the order. Aerial transport of boosters may be ordered by the requesting unit.

Smokejumper (SMKJ) – All Agencies

Refer to California Interagency Mobilization Guide, Chapter 30.

Training Specialist (TNSP) – All Agencies

The training specialist organizes and implements the incident's training program, by developing individual training plans and documenting individual trainee assignments. All Agencies – A training specialist will be ordered, as part of an IMT activation. A TNSP may also be ordered on non-team incidents, at the discretion of the incident commander. Order through the normal ordering process.

Forest Service – Upon activation of a Type 1 or Type 2 IMT on a Forest Service incident, the GACC Training Officer, in concert with the host Forest, shall process a resource order requesting a minimum of 20 trainees. Forest Service will have first attempt to fill these requests.

Wildland Fire Safety Officer – Federal

When a federal agency activates an IMT, the GACC will notify the appropriate agency Wildland Fire Safety Officer. It is the responsibility of the Safety Officer to notify the affected Unit if there is an intended visit for the purpose of review or observation. Affected Units may initiate the request on their own. Each agency will set its own guidelines for protocols regarding such visits. Unless otherwise stipulated or agreed to, such visits should be of an informal nature to help foster positive safety attitudes within the incident environment. Informal reviews and observational visits do not require a formal entrance or exit meeting with agency administrators. Written documentation will be required if further formal action or follow-up is needed by the IMT, affected Unit or a higher management level. The Safety Officer will discuss the visit with the IMT and with appropriate members of the Agency Administrator's staff prior to departing.

Overhead Specialized Program**Logistics Accelerated Development – Federal**

The Logistics Accelerated Development (LAD) program is a mentoring program designed to allow for the accelerated training and development of employees in the field of logistics. The LAD Program Coordinator will maintain the roster of LAD trainees and their availability.

LAD Dispatching Procedures:

GACCs will notify the LAD Program Coordinator Cheryl Raines 760-920-1107, when any Forest activates a Type I or II Incident Management Team.

The LAD Program Coordinator, in consultation with the incident Logistics Section Chief, will determine how many trainees may be utilized.

The LAD Program Coordinator will have the incident place "name request" orders for available LAD trainees.

Incident Management Teams (IMT)

- 1 All Incident Management Team Rosters and Rotations are located at the end of this chapter.
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1 **All Hazard Incident Management Teams – National Park Service**

2 The National Park Service has All Hazard Incident Management Teams for national use. The purpose of
3 the teams are to manage any incident except a wildland or prescribed fire.

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5 These teams are ordered in the current ordering system of record as: Team, All Risk NPS.

6 The GACC will advise the Regional Contact listed below and then place the request to NICC. Pacific West
7 Region Contact: Matt Knowles, 415-470-4037.

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9 **All-Hazard Incident Management Teams- Type 3 – Cal OES / Local Government**

10 **Purpose/Mission/Capability:**

11 The purpose of the Type 3 All-Hazard Incident Management Team (AHIMT3) is to provide organized
12 teams of highly trained personnel to assist local, state, and federal agencies with Complex Incident
13 Management. AHIMT3's may be requested for an emergency incident, a planned event, or other
14 mobilization requests.

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16 **Configuration**

17 **Participating Agencies/ Local Operating Areas:**

18 The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) shall determine the size and composition of the AHIMT3 based
19 on incident type and complexity. An AHIMT3 may deploy as a full team, a partial team ("short" team), or
20 as single resource. Team size shall not exceed 21 in California.

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22 **California State Geographic Deployments (Full Team Configuration):**

- 23 Incident Commander (ICT3)
- 24 Deputy Incident Commander (ICT3)
- 25 Safety Officer (SOF3)
- 26 Information Officer (PIO3)
- 27 Liaison Officer (LOFR)
- 28 Law Enforcement Unit (LELO)
- 29 Operations Section Chief (OSC3)
- 30 Finance Section Chief (FSC3)
- 31 Logistics Section Chief (LSC3)
- 32 Supply Unit Leader (SPUL)
- 33 Facilities Unit Leader (FACL)
- 34 Communications Unit Leader or Incident Communications Technician (COML or COMT)
- 35 Medical Unit Leader (MEDL)
- 36 Plans Section Chief (PSC3)
- 37 Resource Unit Leader (RESL)
- 38 Situation Unit Leader (SITL)
- 39 Tech Spec. GIS
- 40 4 Trainees (with concurrence of the ordering agency)

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42 **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Emergency Management Assistance Compact**
43 **(EMAC) Deployments.**

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45 Use the FEMA Team Configuration Guideline: *An order/request for an AHIMT3 (whether through EMAC*
46 *or through the National Firefighting Mobilization System) shall be filled with a minimum of 14 members*
47 *that are comprised of the following positions:*

- 48 Incident Commander (ICT3)

- 1 Safety Officer (SOF3)
- 2 Information Officer (PIO3)
- 3 Assistant PIO (PIO3)
- 4 Liaison Officer (LOFR)
- 5 • Operations Section Chief (OSC3)
- 6 Deputy Operations Section Chief (OSC3)
- 7 Staging Area Manager (STAM)
- 8 Finance Section Chief (FSC3)
- 9 Logistics Section Chief Type 3 (LSC3)
- 10 Communications Unit Leader or Incident Communications Technician (COML/
11 COMT)
- 12 Plans Section Chief (PSC3)
- 13 Resource Unit Leader (RESL)
- 14 Situation Unit Leader (SITL)

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16 Note: The 14 AHIMT3 members, and any other AHIMT3 members subsequently ordered shall be from an
17 organized, local government fire-sponsored agency, and shall meet recognized qualifications for the
18 positions they are filling. An order/request for an AHIMT3 is for the personnel only and does not include
19 any communications or office equipment or supplies (this should be supplied by the AHJ). If the AHIMT3
20 arrives and determines that they need additional or specialized personnel, equipment, and/or supplies, those
21 shall be
22 ordered through the established ordering process.

23 24 **California AHIMT3 Status**

25 The Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division shall maintain an on-call roster of available AHIMT3 within
26 California.

27 28 **Team Status Keeping:**

- 29 Monday morning by 1000, teams that are available for statewide or national mobilization
30 will
31 update Google Sheets and status the on-call IC.

32 **Rotation: (8)**

33 AHIMT3's that are currently recognized by Cal OES Fire and Rescue:

- 34 Orange County - OC
- 35 Long Beach - LB
- 36 Santa Barbara - SB
- 37 East Bay - EB
- 38 North Bay - NB
- 39 Sacramento Regional - SR
- 40 San Diego - SD
- 41 South Bay – So. B

42 43 **AHIMT3 Mobilization/Ordering Process**

- 44 The mobilization for AHIMT3's outside of their local operating area and local agreements
45 shall use the CalOES Fire and Rescue Division's resource ordering process.
- 46 Teams shall use the following naming convention: Team – AHIMT – T3 – CA –
47 IC name, team name, or team number.

- 1 **Duration of Assignments**
- 2 A deployment should last no longer than 14 days (excluding travel).
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2 **CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams – Type 1**

3 CAL FIRE maintains 6 statewide Type 1 All Hazard Incident Management Teams to direct large-scale
4 complex emergency incidents. CAL FIRE IMTs are available year-round for statewide response, with one
5 team on call at any given time.

6 CAL FIRE IMTs are ordered through the GACC. These teams are ordered in the current ordering system of
7 record as: Team, Type 1 Long

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9 **California Federal Interagency Incident Management Teams – Type 1 and 2 – Federal**

10 The California Federal Interagency Incident Management Teams (IMT) are managed by the California
11 Wildfire Coordinating Group (CWCG), which consists of a representative from each agency with wildfire
12 suppression responsibility. CWCG is responsible for selecting team members, monitoring and evaluating
13 team performance, and providing for team member development.

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15 CWCG will select and manage four Type 1 IMTs as components of a national rotation established and
16 maintained by NICC, through the National Interagency Mobilization Guide.

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18 California can activate all four CA IMTs before going to the National Rotation. The four Type 1 teams are
19 available for assignments to other geographic areas that utilize the Incident Command System for
20 managing wildfires.

21 CWCG will also select and manage six Type 2 IMTs. Type 2 IMTs may also be available for out of state
22 mobilization. During Preparedness Levels 4 or 5, out of state mobilizations may be restricted to ensure
23 adequate coverage within the state.

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25 CWCG sponsored Type 1 and 2 teams may have the following team composition listed below. The
26 California Incident Commanders have the flexibility to substitute the standard positions suggested below
27 with other positions according to the team needs, as long as they stay within the standard numbers.

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29 IMT's will not mobilize with more than 58 persons on an IMT's roster. IMT may request additional
30 positions through the normal ordering process once the IMT has a delegation of authority of the incident.
31 *Long team includes the 10 positions from the Short team. ** DPIC not in the current ordering system In
32 addition to the 27 positions identified on the long team configuration, teams may have a maximum of
33 seventeen (17) positions to be negotiated and concurred on by the Incident Commander and the Agency
34 Administrator from the requesting Unit. They may bring an additional fourteen (14) trainee positions.
35 These positions are identified by the teams and not by the receiving Unit. Unless notified otherwise, these
36 trainees will be mobilized for incidents on Federal lands.

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38 For more information see the 2019 California Interagency Incident Management Team Operating
39 Guidelines

40 <https://gacc.nifc.gov/oscc/cwgc/docs/2019%20Final%20CWCG%20Operating%20Guide%20IMT.pdf>

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45 Short Team Configuration (20 positions + 6 trainees)	Long Team Configuration (44 positions + 14 trainees)
Incident Commander	Incident Commander
Deputy Incident Commander	Deputy Incident Commander
Safety Officer	Safety Officer (2)
Public Information Officer	Public Information Officer
Operations Section Chief (2)	Operations Section Chief (2)
Air Operations Branch Director	Air Operations Branch Director
Planning Section Chief	Planning Section Chief
Logistics Section Chief	Logistics Section Chief
Finance Section Chief	Finance Section Chief
Operations Branch Director or Division/Group Supervisor (2)	Operations Branch Director (2)
Geographic Information System Specialist	Liaison Officer
Computer Technical Specialist	Facilities Unit Leader
Discretionary Positions (6)	Supply Unit leader
IMT Trainee Positions (6)	Food Unit Leader
	Communications Unit Leader
	Medical Unit Leader
	Ground Support Unit Leader
	Ordering Manager
	Communications Technician or Incident Communications Center Manager
	Resource Unit Leader
	Geographic Information System Specialist
	Computer Technical Specialist
	Situation Unit Leader
	Fire Behavior Analyst
	Division/Group Supervisor (2)
	Air Support Group Supervisor
	Cost Unit Leader
	Time Unit Leader
	Procurement Unit leader
	Discretionary Positions (11)
	IMT Trainee Positions (6)
	GAC Priority Trainees (B)

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The GACCs will annually compile a rotation schedule for the teams to be included in the California Interagency Mobilization Guide. NICC will be advised by the GACC as soon as the current Type 1 two-hour team is committed, to enable them to place an out-of-region team in 24-hour rotation. Teams will be mobilized through normal dispatch channels.

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CA Federal IMTs are ordered through the GACC. These teams are ordered in the current ordering system of record as: Team, Type 1 Long; Team, Type 1 Short; Team, Type 2 Long; Team, Type 2 Short.

National Area Command Teams – All Agencies

Area Command (AC) is an organization established to ensure inter-incident coordination for Command, Planning, Logistical and Aircraft matters. AC will work closely with the Multiagency Coordination Group that establishes priorities for the GACC. AC will normally request their own support personnel to work within the Area Command organization.

There are four National Area Command Teams. AC Teams are comprised of 6 positions: Area Commander, Assistant Area Commander Planning, Assistant Area Commander Logistics, Area Command Aviation Coordinator and 2 trainees identified by the Area Commander. All requests for National AC Teams will be placed through established ordering channels to NICC. AC is ordered in the current ordering system of record as: Team, Area Command.

CAL FIRE – The GACC may choose to order a National AC Team or assemble CAL FIRE personnel to form a California Area Command Team.

National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) Team – Federal

Appropriate assignments for NIMO consideration include: Wildland fire, Long Duration Incidents or Mission Specific Assignments (regional and national special projects; require a completed Project Request Form on the NIMO, reference the National Interagency Mobilization Guide, Chapter 20.

NIMO teams are ordered through the GACC. Ordered in the current ordering system of record as: Team, NIMO.NIMO website - for details and trigger points for ordering

Interagency Incident Management Teams

NMAC Management of IMTs. The National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) retains the authority to manage all team assignments for Type 1, Type 2, Complex, NIMO and Area Command Incident Management Teams as necessary to achieve team experience objectives, ensure proficiency, manage fatigue, or for other reasons.

Non-IMT Teams

Burned Area Emergency Response Teams (BAER) – Federal

BAER Teams are ordered to assist field units to plan for immediate post-wildland fire site stabilization. These teams address post incident needs, including potential floods, mud and debris flows, watershed/municipal water supplies. It is the responsibility of the local Unit to select the number of team members and the skills needed by those team members.

Forest Service team members are ordered in the current ordering system of record as individual overhead requests, as: BAES. In special needs, list type of skills needed and level of skill.

DOI maintains two (2) National BAER Teams to assist field units plan for immediate post wildland fire site stabilization. National BAER Teams are dispatched to only the most complex BAER incidents involving risks to human life and critical Federal assets. Potential floods, mud and debris flows, watershed/municipal

1 water supplies, urban interface, and complex and multiple jurisdictions are the dispatch prioritization
2 criteria issues factored into the mobilization decision. DOI team members are ordered in the current
3 ordering system of record as individual overhead requests, as the approved agency-specific BAER
4 mnemonic (as shown in IQCS/the current ordering system of record).

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7 **Buying Unit Teams (BUYT)– Federal**

8 Federal Buying Unit teams will normally be assigned to a centralized location and may be requested to
9 support multiple incidents onsite as well as virtually. Depending on the needs of the region, some team
10 members may work virtually in support of the team onsite. Buying Unit Teams supplement the local Unit
11 procurement and dispatching organizations during emergencies. Orders will be placed through the GACC,
12 in coordination with Regional Incident Business staff. If unable to fill regionally, the GACC will place an
13 order through NICC for a National Buying Unit Team. These teams are ordered in the current ordering
14 system of record as: Team, Buying.

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16 **Review, Audit, Process Team (RAP)**

17 The National Park Service Payment Teams will no longer be ordered on a rotational basis. Instead, before a
18 Payment Team is ordered to audit and process DOI incident invoices, the ordering unit should contact:
19 Danica Colley, 208.387.5296, danica_colley@nps.gov
20 Once the configuration of the team is determined, requests for Payment Teams will be placed through
21 established ordering channels using an Overhead Group Request. Payment team leaders and members will
22 be ordered by the jurisdictional unit as THSPs.

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24 **Damage Inspection Team - Federal**

25 Damage Inspection Team may be ordered by the incident through County CalOES to assess structure
26 damage and loss.

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28 **Damage Assessment Team – CAL FIRE**

29 Order in the current ordering system of record as: individual overhead requests. Damage Inspection
30 Technical Specialist (DINS) and Field Observer (FOBS) but can be scaled up or down to fit needs of the
31 incident.

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33 **ECC Support Teams – CAL FIRE**

34 ECC Support teams provide personnel qualified in ECC expanded functions for timely mobilization in
35 support of Emergency Command Center operations. Reference CAL FIRE Handbook 7700, section 7758.
36 Dispatch procedure in CAL FIRE Handbook 8100, policy 8141 procedure 8141-43.

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38 There are a total of 10 teams statewide, with each Region fielding 5 teams. Normal configuration is Team
39 Leader/EDSP, Deputy Team Leader/EDSP (t) or EDSD, 2 EDSDs, 2 EDRCs and 2 optional trainee
40 positions.

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42 Teams will be on immediate call (one-hour getaway) for one-week rotations. Order in the current ordering
43 system of record as: Team, ECC Support CA Only.

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45 **Fire Behavior Assessment Team (FBAT) – Federal**

46 The primary mission of the FBAT is the collection of coordinated fuels, vegetation, fire behavior, and post-
47 fire effects data during wildland fire incidents. Data can be used to validate the effectiveness of fuel
48 treatments, evaluate fire effects, support safety zone guideline development, calibrate fire behavior and

1 emissions modeling, or help incident teams and land management staff meet other goals as requested and
2 feasible. A report is prepared for each incident.

3 The FBAT generally consists of 4 to 12 fireline qualified personnel, led by overhead qualified at the Task
4 Force Leader level or above. The FBAT may request a Wildland Fire Module trained in FBAT methods to
5 be ordered in conjunction with FBAT depending on the mission for that incident.

6 The FBAT is most successful when ordered early during an incident, as it transitions to extended attack.
7 FBAT equipment and members are mainly located in California 48 and can be mobilized by contacting the
8 FBAT Team Leads below. One of the Team Leads will formulate a name request list for the incident to
9 order individuals or equipment and members are mainly located in California and can be mobilized by
10 contacting the FBAT Team Leads below. One of the Team Leads will formulate a name request list for the
11 incident to order individuals or contact Carol Ewell, Assistant Lead: 209-283-4563

12 Ordered in the current ordering system of record as: individual overhead Technical Specialist (THSP) name
13 requests. Include special needs of “FBAT team member”.

14 For more information please visit: https://www.fs.fed.us/adaptivemanagement/projects_main_fbat.php
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1 **Fuel Treatment Effectiveness Team** – Federal

2 The primary mission of the fuel treatment effectiveness teams is to provide documentation of the
3 effectiveness of fuel treatments on wildfire behavior or effects. This documentation is required by law to be
4 provided within 90 days of control of the fire (FSM 5144). This team will gather GIS and observational
5 information about the fire and complete fuel treatment effectiveness reporting including required entries in
6 the Fuel Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring database (FTEM).

7 Team members are ordered in the current ordering system of record as THSP – name requests after
8 contacting the Regional Fuels Staff, Robyn Woods 530-206-6918. Include special needs of “Fuel
9 Treatment Effectiveness Team member”. One or more team members may be ordered.

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11 **Interagency Dispatch Teams** – Federal

12 Dispatch teams provide personnel qualified in Dispatch Center expanded functions for timely mobilization
13 in support of wildland incidents. There are 6 federal dispatch teams in California. Normal configuration is 2
14 EDSPs, 2 EDSDs, 2 EDRCs and up to 2 trainees. Priority use of these teams is to support incidents in
15 California.

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17 Team rotation will be based on the Forest Service pay period schedule: bi-weekly, effective at 0001 on
18 Sunday. There will be one team available during the two-week period. The available team will mobilize
19 within 2 hours of notification of the assignment.

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21 The rotation schedule can be located at: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/oncc/logistics/overhead/index.htm> or
22 <https://gacc.nifc.gov/oscc/news.php>

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24 Order in the current ordering system as: Module, Suppression, in special needs add Dispatch Team. Check
25 with the GACC for team availability when ordering.

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27 **Medical Emergency Response Teams (MERT)** – CAL FIRE

28 MERT is ordered when a significant commitment of California Department of Corrections and
29 Rehabilitation (CDCR) inmate firefighters are assigned to an incident. A MERT is typically made up of
30 three personnel consisting of a registered nurse and two medical technical assistants to provide medical
31 assistance to inmate firefighters. The CDCR MERT personnel respond from the Susanville Training Center
32 (LMU) and Sierra Training Center (TCU).

33 Order in the current ordering system of record as: MERT (California Only). Create and place a single
34 overhead request for the team. If a higher level of medical care is needed document in special needs
35 Medical Doctor or Physician’s Assistant.

36 Reference CAL FIRE Handbook 8100, policy 8141 procedure 8141-65

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1 **Retrograde Team – CAL FIRE**

2 Upon the closure of an incident, excess items purchased through the emergency fund shall be retrograded
3 (i.e. inventoried, documented, credited) to the incident and charged off to the appropriate account(s).

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5 The incident will order a retrograde team 72 hours before the anticipated incident closure. The team will be
6 requested to arrive at least 48 hours before the anticipated closure of the base

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8 A retrograde team will consist of a minimum of 3 personnel; a retrograde team leader, a representative
9 from the host Unit (Fire Logistics Officer) and one representative from the incident (Logistics Section
10 Chief).

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12 Order in the current ordering system of record as: individual overhead requests. At least one request will be
13 for a Retrograde Team Leader (RETG) and placed to the GACC. Additional requests may be made by the
14 team leader for Retrograde Team Members (RETT).

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16 Reference CAL FIRE Handbook 7500, section 7585.

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18 **Rapid Extraction Support Module (REMS)**

19 A pre-staged rescue team assigned to provide firefighters safe egress off the fireline in the event of an
20 injury/illness during firefighting operations Unit/GACC:

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22 Order in the current ordering system of record under Overhead, Groups, Module, Rapid Extraction Support
23 (California Only). Under Special Needs add documentation

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25 “Reference REMS identification in FIRESCOPE ICS – 223 – 12”. Under Configuration Option choose
26 Catalog Item with Configuration.

27 Reference the FIRESCOPE website for more information

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30 **Situation Awareness and Collaboration Tool (SCOUT) – CAL FIRE**

31 CAL FIRE, in association with the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and through a
32 strategic partnership with the Department of Homeland Security’s Science & Technology Directorate (DHS
33 S&T) has acquired the Next-Generation Incident Command System (NICS) software for use by
34 California’s emergency services professionals. The California deployment of the NICS software is called
35 Situation Awareness and Collaboration Tool (SCOUT). SCOUT provides an information sharing
36 environment to facilitate operational and tactical collaboration among California emergency responders and
37 interagency situational awareness for local, tribal, state, and federal partners for small to extreme scale
38 homeland security incidents, such as natural disasters, technological hazards, intentional attacks, and
39 human-caused emergencies.

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41 Order in the current ordering system of record as: individual overhead requests. Decision Support System
42 Advisor (DSSA) and 2 Decision Support System Technical Specialists (DSTS). Can be scaled up or down
43 to fit needs of the incident.

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Suppression/Fuels Modules

California discourages breaking up organized crews into small groups for suppression use. However, Type 2IA crews can be ordered and are structured to be broken into squads for initial attack. If Type 2IA crews are not available, suppression modules may also be ordered for this purpose. Suppression modules will be ordered as an Overhead Group Request; Module, Suppression. The minimum standards for a Suppression Module, reference the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations 2020:

<https://www.nifc.gov/PUBLICATIONS/redbook/2020/Chapter02.pdf>

California exception for overhead configuration minimum would require one SRB and one FF1 or equivalent. In some cases, it may be appropriate to send an engine with the suppression module. Local procedures may require that local sources of engines be exhausted before moving engines across zone or GACC boundaries. Check with the requesting dispatch before dispatching an engine with the suppression module.

Wildland Fire Modules – Federal (FS and NPS)

The primary mission and priority for these modules is to provide skilled and mobile personnel to assist with prescribed fires in the areas of planning, fire behavior monitoring, ignition, and holding. Secondary priorities (in order) include support of prescribed burn unit preparation, assistance with fire effects plot work, and support of mechanical hazard fuel reduction projects. Some agency restrictions exist for fuels related work.

Watershed Emergency Response Teams (WERT)

The primary goal is to avoid or reduce the risk posed by post-fire hazards downslope or downstream of burn areas (life, safety, and property). This includes the following steps:

- Determine soil burn severity (requires a Burned Area Reflection Classification (BARC) map),
- Identify values at risk,
- Identify, model and classify hazards,
- Develop emergency protective measures,
- Communicate findings.

Note: WERT personnel will help support the Unit in communication with stakeholders and other cooperators.

Criteria for ordering (Note: Most fires do not qualify for a WERT):

- The presence of life-safety-related VARs (e.g., homes, businesses, schools, hospitals, other infrastructure) downslope and/or downstream of steep hillslopes and catchments burned at moderate to high soil burn severity.
- Significant likelihood of debris flow and flooding hazards based on soil burn severity, geology, topography, and likely rainfall rates.
- Historical occurrence of debris flows and flooding during burned and/or unburned conditions.
- Transportation networks (e.g., highways, rail lines), water supply systems, power generating plants and conveyance systems, campground/resorts, parks and hiking trails, and other high value sites expected to be at risk due to post-fire debris flows and/or flooding.
- A high percentage of State Responsibility Area (SRA) included in the fire area.
- Note: Fire sieges are recognized in the procedure guide and are rated on the magnitude of life safety risks (page 5 and Appendix B).

Ordering a WERT – In the past, this was done through Mission Tasking. Now, it is through the incident on a 00900. However, it is essentially a name request for the members. Chief Huff is our Sacramento WERT

1 Liaison who works with California Geological Survey (CGS) to identify available and qualified staff to
 2 conduct the field review, analysis and reporting.

- 3 • WERT staffing can vary depending on available staff and size of the incident.
- 4 • Staffing may be a combination of the following: CAL FIRE, CGS, DWR/RWQCB, GIS and
 5 trainees.

6 If Qualified – The WERT team will need a BARC map prior to really engaging on the landscape
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9 As a national interagency resource, the modules are available nationally throughout the fire season. Each
 10 module is comprised of a module leader, assistant leader, three to five module members, and a detailer
 11 during the primary burning season.

12 Forest Service has Wildland Fire Modules on the Stanislaus NF, Klamath NF, Sequoia NF and Inyo NF.
 13 NPS has Wildland Fire Modules on the Whiskeytown NRA, Sequoia-Kings NP and Yosemite NP. These
 14 modules are ordered in the current ordering system of record as: Module, Wildland Fire.
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16 **California Medical Assistance Team (CAL MAT), CAL FIRE**

17 The California Medical Assistance Team (CAL MAT), activated through a Call-When-Needed (CWN)
 18 agreement with the California Emergency Medical Service Authority (EMSA), is a group of medical
 19 personnel designed to provide assistance and equipment. CAL MAT will provide the necessary personnel
 20 and equipment through direct request by CAL FIRE for incidents with a large number of personnel and an
 21 extended duration. The CAL MAT will be available to respond within 10 hours of notification and will be
 22 self-sufficient for the first 72 hrs of deployment. Initial deployment for wildland fires consist of a minimum
 23 of five personnel which includes one Medical Doctor (MD), a Physician Assistant (PA) or a Nurse
 24 Practitioner (NP); one Registered Nurse (RN); one Paramedic (EMT-P); one Emergency Medical
 25 Technician (EMT) and an additional Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider (e.g., RN, EMT-P). CAL
 26 MAT personnel may be added or subtracted at the request of CAL FIRE as the incident dictates. The CAL
 27 MAT will work under the direction of the incident's Medical Unit Leader.
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29 Reference CAL FIRE Handbook 8100, policy 8141 procedure 8141-66
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31 **California Incident Management Teams and Rotation Schedule**

32 **2022 CALIFORNIA TYPE 1 FEDERAL Team Rotation**

33 This rotation begins at 0001 hrs Wednesday and ends at 2400 hrs on Tuesday

34 *Team* - Indicates team is hosted by NOPS*

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 4*	Team 5*
ICT1	McGowan, Jerry	Johnny, Nickie	Opliger, Rocky	Young, Rick
DPIC	Kempter, Ken	Coots, Curtis	Vacant	Mueller, Dustan

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01/26	02/01	5	1	2	09/07	09/13	5	1	2
02/02	02/08	1	2	4	09/14	09/20	1	2	4

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02/16	02/22	4	5	1	09/28	10/04	4	5	1
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03/09	03/15	2	4	5	10/19	10/25	2	4	5
03/16	03/22	4	5	1	10/26	11/01	4	5	1
03/23	03/29	5	1	2	11/02	11/08	5	1	2
03/30	04/05	1	2	4	11/09	11/15	1	2	4
04/06	04/12	2	4	5	11/16	11/22	2	4	5
04/13	04/19	4	5	1	11/23	11/29	4	5	1
04/20	04/26	5	1	2	11/30	12/06	5	1	2
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05/04	05/10	2	4	5	12/14	12/20	2	4	5
05/11	05/17	4	5	1	12/21	12/27	4	5	1
05/18	05/24	5	1	2	12/28/22	01/03/23	5	1	2
05/25	05/31	1	2	4	01/04	01/10	1	2	4
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06/08	06/14	4	5	1	01/18	01/24	4	5	1
06/15	06/21	5	1	2	01/25	01/31	5	1	2
06/22	06/28	1	2	4	02/01	02/07	1	2	4
06/29	07/05	2	4	5	02/08	02/14	2	4	5
07/06	07/12	4	5	1	02/15	02/21	4	5	1
07/13	07/19	5	1	2	02/22	02/28	5	1	2
07/20	07/26	1	2	4	03/01	03/07	1	2	4
07/27	08/02	2	4	5	03/08	03/14	2	4	5
08/03	08/09	4	5	1	03/15	03/21	4	5	1
08/10	08/16	5	1	2	03/22	03/28	5	1	2

Rotation for Type 2 IMT

- Accepted by CWCG Ops Committee after input from IMT IC's and Deputies.
- When a team "On-Call/2 Hour" is not available due to being assigned, or is unavailable, the next team on the rotation moves up to the "On-Call" position for the remainder of the current on-call period and all additional periods until their own on-call period has expired, unless the on call team becomes available and is put back in their normal scheduled rotation.
- When a team has had an assignment, they maintain their place in the rotation. Unlike the national rotation, teams will no longer have to wait for all other teams to get an assignment. (Referred to by the Type 2 ICs as "luck of the draw").
- GACC Intel will update "News and Notes" as soon as possible and keep rotation information consistent on both GACC websites.
- The rotation begins at 0001 on Wednesday and ends at 2400 on Tuesday.
- Both GACCs will have final decision on management of all IMT assignments and deviation from the rotation based on commitments, PL levels, specific NICC requests, and unit commitments of Chief Officers or other unforeseen factors.

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2022 CALIFORNIA TYPE 2 FEDERAL Team Rotation

This rotation begins at 0001 hrs Wednesday and ends at 2400 hrs on Tuesday

*Team** - Indicates team is hosted by NOPS

	<i>Team 10*</i>	<i>Team 11</i>	<i>Team 12*</i>	<i>Team 13</i>	<i>Team 14</i>	<i>Team 15</i>
ICT1	Petterson, Eric	Fogle, Chris	Aragon, James	Wakoski, Mike	Watkins, Steve	Harris, Jimmy
DPIC	Mack, Todd	Walker, Norm	Taylor, Alan	Boehm, Josh	Strawhun, Mike	Clemo, Tom

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02/02	02/08	14	15	10	09/14	09/20	10	11	12
02/09	02/15	15	10	11	09/21	09/27	11	12	13
02/16	02/22	10	11	12	09/28	10/04	12	13	14
02/23	03/01	11	12	13	10/05	10/11	13	14	15
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03/09	03/15	13	14	15	10/19	10/25	15	10	11
03/16	03/22	14	15	10	10/26	11/01	10	11	12
03/23	03/29	15	10	11	11/02	11/08	11	12	13
03/30	04/05	10	11	12	11/09	11/15	12	13	14
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04/20	04/26	13	14	15	11/30	12/06	15	10	11
04/27	05/03	14	15	10	12/07	12/13	10	11	12
05/04	05/10	15	10	11	12/14	12/20	11	12	13
05/11	05/17	10	11	12	12/21	12/27	12	13	14
05/18	05/24	11	12	13	12/28/22	01/03/23	13	14	15
05/25	05/31	12	13	14	01/04	01/10	14	15	10
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2022 CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams

Teams	1	2	3	4	5	6
Incident Commander	Trindade	Blankenheim	See	Laws	Hopkins	Veik
Deputy IC	Vacant	Carter	Farias	Martin	Ohara	Vacant

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2022 CAL FIRE Incident Management Team Schedule

MONTH	WEEK OF	TEAM					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<u>JANUARY</u>	3	X					
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	17			X			
	24				X		
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<u>FEBRUARY</u>	7						X
	14	X					
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	28			X			
<u>MARCH</u>	7				X		
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	25					X	
<u>MAY</u>	2						X
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	16		X				
	23			X			
	30				X		
<u>JUNE</u>	6					X	
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	27		X				
<u>JULY</u>	4			X			
	11				X		
	18					X	
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MONTH	WEEK OF	Team					
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<u>AUGUST</u>	1	X					
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	15			X			
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	29					X	
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	5						X
	12	X					

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<u>OCTOBER</u>	3				X		
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	17						X
	24	X					
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<u>NOVEMBER</u>	7			X			
	14				X		
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<u>DECEMBER</u>	5	X					
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