



## THE HIGHEST TRAINING STANDARDS FOR THE FUTURE

The CAL FIRE Academy is recognized nationwide as a progressive and dynamic fire service training facility founded on sound principles with knowledgeable instructors. Established in 1967, curriculum includes basic fire control, Incident Command System, Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Law Enforcement Academy, Chief Officer and Leadership courses. Academy courses ensure that students and trainees are qualified to carry out their mission through the skillful combination of educational theory, drills and practical application. The Academy also trains CAL FIRE resource management professionals who provide fire planning and resource protection services to the citizens of California.

The CAL FIRE Academy provides a wide range of training opportunities and maintains an extensive fire engine and automotive fleet, representing the mix of wildland and structural apparatus found in CAL FIRE's operations. The extensive facilities include:

- Emergency vehicle operation course
- Four wheel drive course
- Auto extrication area
- Five story drill tower
- Computer lab and electronic learning
- Propane fire prop
- Rapid intervention crew prop
- Power pole prop area
- Two story burn building for live fire exercises
- Confined space rescue prop
- Emergency Command Center lab and wildland fire simulator
- Weapons range
- A state-of-the-art training complex with amphitheaters and lecture halls
- Onsite lodging and dining
- Recreation areas and exercise facilities
- Curriculum development center
- Wildland Urban Intermix Village



# PARTNER WITH CAL FIRE



COOPERATIVE FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENTS



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# COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

## WHAT IS A COOPERATIVE FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT?

The Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 4142 was adopted in 1945 and gives the Department

of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) the authority to enter into cooperative agreements for the purpose of preventing and suppressing fires on any lands within any county, city, or district which makes an appropriation for such purpose. This statute authorizes CAL FIRE, with the approval of the Department of General Services, to enter into cooperative agreements "upon such terms and under such conditions as it deems wise, for the purpose of preventing and suppressing forest fires or other fires in any lands within any county, city, or district which makes an appropriation for such purpose."

Governing boards are encouraged to seek out the most efficient and cost effective methods of providing services to their citizens. Under cooperative agreements with CAL FIRE, local agencies maintain control over their fire department and have the broadest choice of options for contracted emergency life/safety services including advanced life support. They are able to make independent program decisions under their agreement.

**Local government entities are empowered to enter into such agreements under Sections 55603, 55604, 55605, and 55632 of the Government Code.**

## CONTRACT BENEFITS

- Local agency retains control
- Local Government Board establishes service level
- Local/State Governmental cooperation improved
- CAL FIRE customizes services to meet local needs
- Community Insurance Service ratings maintained or improved
- Local Employees retained
- Community maintains identity

## OUR RESOURCES

<b>803</b>	fire stations (228 state, 575 local gov.)
<b>39</b>	conservation camps
<b>13</b>	air attack bases
<b>9</b>	helitack bases
<b>4,700</b>	full time fire professionals
<b>2,200</b>	seasonal firefighters
<b>5,600</b>	local gov. volunteer firefighters
<b>2,600</b>	Volunteers In Prevention
<b>4,300</b>	inmate and ward firefighters
<b>1,095</b>	fire engines (336 state, 759 local gov.)
<b>215</b>	rescue squads
<b>54</b>	paramedic units
<b>9</b>	ALS ambulances
<b>38</b>	aerial ladder trucks
<b>58</b>	bulldozers
<b>5</b>	mobile communication centers
<b>11</b>	mobile kitchen units
<b>23</b>	1,200-gallon airtankers
<b>11</b>	fire suppression helicopters
<b>14</b>	airtactical planes



## ALL-INCIDENT CAPABILITY

Responding to all types of emergencies on a daily basis is the role of the CAL FIRE workforce. These emergencies take the form of wildland fires, residential/commercial structure fires, automobile accidents, medical aids; drownings, lost hikers, hazardous material spills, train wrecks, floods and earthquakes. Across the state CAL FIRE's firefighters, fire engines and aircraft respond to an average of more than 5,600 vegetation fires and answer emergency or service calls more than 350,000 times each year.

## 9-1-1 EMERGENCY DISPATCH & EMERGENCY COMMAND CENTER SERVICES

Statewide, CAL FIRE Emergency Command Centers (ECC) are responsible for answering 9-1-1 calls and dispatching of fire/emergency resources. The responsibility and accountability for daily emergency transactions is maintained by using Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) and Statewide Emergency Resource Ordering Status Systems (ROSS). CAL FIRE ECCs are staffed with Battalion Chiefs, Fire Captains and Communications Operators that provide 24-hour fire/rescue dispatch to more than 350,000 incidents per year.

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHING

CAL FIRE ECCs also provide Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD) response, which gives pre-arrival instructions to the caller who can immediately begin to help the victim. The level of telephone assistance can vary from simple advice ("call your doctor"), to complete instructions for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. Pre-arrival instructions allow the dispatcher to question the caller and, based on the answers, quickly provide the correct advice and instructions to save lives."

## CAL FIRE CONTRACTING HISTORY

Since the 1940s, local government entities such as cities, counties and districts have contracted with CAL FIRE to provide many forms of emergency services for their communities. CAL FIRE provides full-service fire protection to many of the citizens of California through the administration of 146 cooperative fire protection agreements in 36 of the State's 58 counties, 25 cities, 31 fire districts.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

Creating a Partnership Agreement with CAL FIRE can be accomplished in three steps:

- Contact your local CAL FIRE Unit Chief,
- Provide the Unit Chief with a request for an emergency services proposal,
- Pass a resolution authorizing the Partnership Agreement with CAL FIRE to provide emergency services.

An annual renewal process extends the Partnership Agreement for future years.

