

CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS HAND CREWS

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION

HAND CREW PROGRAM



In January 2017, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the California Conservation Corps (CCC) received funding to staff multiple crews throughout the state. These crews, referred to as CCC hand crews, respond to emergency incidents year-round.

The CCC hand crew's primary responsibility while assigned to a wildfire is constructing firelines with chainsaws and hand tools. This is done by removing vegetation to bare mineral soil or burning vegetation with a drip torch ahead of the oncoming fire. CCC hand crews are also used to defend structures during a fire.

CCC hand crews are also available to assist in efforts to contain and mitigate any of California's major disasters, including floods, earthquakes, heavy snow, and search and rescue operations.

When not assigned to a wildfire or emergency incident, the primary mission of the CCC hand crews is fuel reduction and vegetation management project work.

CCC HAND CREW DETAILS

- Staffing: 1 CAL FIRE Captain, 1 CCC crew supervisor, 14 – 17 Corpsmembers
- For information about becoming a Corpsmember:



October 2021