

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION



CAL FIRE AT A GLANCE

CAL FIRE is responsible for providing wildland fire protection, fire prevention, and resource management on more than 31 million acres of State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands throughout California. In addition, CAL FIRE provides emergency services to 114 local government cooperators through agreements with districts, cities and counties.

General Information

CAL FIRE Budget (FY 2023-2024). \$4.1 billion

Personnel (numbers approximate)

Permanent Incident Response.6,145
 Seasonal*2,970
 Mission Support Positions2,885
 Inmates, Wards, California Conservation Corps Members & California National Guard Members5,000
 Volunteers In Prevention (VIPs).600

*The Seasonal Firefighter 1 count for current year includes both Ongoing Seasonal Positions and Augmented Seasonal Positions. Ongoing Seasonal Positions are the positions that are authorized in the budget act and permanently funded. Augmented positions are a one-time basis, and these are not permanently funded/authorized positions.

Fire Protection

Facilities

Region Operations Centers.2
 Emergency Command Centers21
 CAL FIRE Units.....21
 CAL FIRE Fire Stations240
 Local Government Fire Stations (operated by CAL FIRE via contract).....568
 Conservation Camps30
 CAL FIRE Firefighter Centers (funded through '22-'23 fiscal year)17
 Air Attack Bases14
 Helitack Bases.....10
 Cooperative Helitack Bases.....1
 State Fire Marshal Offices10
 Demonstration State Forests 14 forests/85,000 acres
 Seed Bank/Nursery1
 Lookouts27

CAL FIRE Equipment

Fire Engines398
 Bulldozers70
 Mobile Communications Centers6
 Mobile Kitchen Units11
 Airtankers23
 Air Tactical Planes (15 OV-10A's, 1 OV-10D and 2 King Airs)18
 Helicopters (funding has been approved for the purchase of 4 additional helicopters for a total of 16)12
 Firefighting Hand Crews - funded 152 CDCR, 32 CCC, 35 FF, 14 CMD.233
 Fuels Reduction Crews10

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Fire and Emergency Responses (2022)

Wildland Fires (including State, Federal, and Local lands)	7,477
Wildland Acres Burned (including State, Federal, and Local lands)	331,360
All Emergency Incidents (including wildland, structure and vehicles fires, medical aids, hazardous material spills, etc.)	554,342

Office of the State Fire Marshal

State Fire Training

Accredited Colleges (Community Colleges and Fire Departments)	65
Student Course Diplomas (annual average)	53,500

Inspections

Defensible Space Inspections (FY 2022-2023)	276,866
Pipeline Safety Inspections (average miles of interstate)	5,300
Plan Reviews (average state-owned and state-occupied buildings and institutions)	4,461

Resource Management

Fuels Treatment (FY 2022-2023)

Combined Fuel Reduction Projects (treated acres)	91,601
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Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) Reviews (averages)

Acres of Timberland CAL FIRE has THP Review Jurisdiction Over	7.8 million
Timber Harvesting Plans CAL FIRE Reviews Yearly (5-year average 2017-2021)	229



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CAL FIRE Careers