



NERIS Aid Q&A



California Incident Data & Statistics Program (CalStats)

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The Aid section of the NERIS report can be broken down into three primary questions regarding the Presence of aid, the Direction of aid, and the Type of aid that occurred. When aid was present, the name of the other agency/s is also required.

Note: When your incident type is Cancelled en Route, Aid did NOT occur unless the incident was in your jurisdiction AND another agency responded to provide support in your absence. If so, in lieu of aid was received by your agency from the responding agency.

1 Aid Presence:

Did any fire department travel outside its jurisdiction?

Yes - Aid Presence = **Yes** - go to next question

No - Aid Presence = **No** - STOP Complete report as No Aid Given/Received

2 Aid Direction:

Did your fire department travel outside of its jurisdiction?

Yes - Aid Direction = **Aid Given** - go to next question

No - Aid Direction = **Aid Received** - go to next question

3 Aid Type:

Was more than one fire department on scene?

Yes - Aid Type = **In support of Primary Entity**

No - Aid Type = **In Lieu Of** or **Acting As** - go to next question

3b In Lieu Of or Acting As:

Did the fire department respond due to availability or proximity considerations, or because it was contractually paid by another department to respond on its behalf?

Availability/Proximity - Aid Type = **In Lieu Of**

Contract - Aid Type = **Acting As**