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**Video Opportunity, Media Availability: San Francisco Fire Department
Performs Wildland Fire Training Ahead of Wildfire Season**

Cal OES recognizes their role as a valuable statewide partner

SAN FRANCISCO - In recognition of Wildfire Preparedness Month and the fast-approaching wildfire season, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is highlighting its invaluable partnership with the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) and its efforts as an integral wildland fire partner answering the call in times of need.

Through the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System, Cal OES has deployed multiple fire engines to SFFD to assist their efforts locally in the City, but also to help fight wildland, rural wildfires statewide and nationwide.

In 2021, SFFD was instrumental in assisting with statewide wildfires including the Salt Fire (Shasta County), the Dixie Fire and Beckwourth Complex Fire (Plumas County), and the River Complex Fire (Siskiyou County), as well as firefighting efforts outside of California in neighboring states. In addition, Cal OES deployed SFFD Strike Teams to Oregon to help battle the Bootleg Fire and to Montana to aid in fighting 19 large wildfire incidents.

Cal OES coordinates the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System, which moves local government resources across the state in support of all-risk emergency response on behalf of local, state, and federal government fire organizations. Cal OES assigns local government fire agencies with fire apparatus to maintain surge capacity during day-to-day duties and major events/emergencies.

When:

Tuesday, May 24
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where:

John McLaren Park, 100 John F Shelley Dr, San Francisco, CA 94134
**Media staging area: Mansell Street & Visitacion Avenue

Who:

Mark Ghilarducci, Director, Cal OES
Lt. Jonathan Baxter, San Francisco Fire Department
Chief Patrick D'Arcy, Battalion Chief and Strike Team Leader, San Francisco Fire Department
Type 1 and 6 wildland fire crews

Visuals:

Members of the San Francisco Fire Department will be conducting LIVE wildland fire training exercises using Cal OES Type 1 and Type 6 fire engines. Learn more about the Cal OES engines [here](#).

Video/Photos Available:

Link to Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Fleet video [here](#).
Link to SFFD wildland training video and photos of OES Strike Teams [here](#).

Resources:

[Wildfire Preparedness](#)

[Packing a Go Bag](#)
[Prep Your Pet](#)
[Ready, Set, Go](#)

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