
CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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State Fire Department to be known as CAL FIRE

Sacramento – CAL FIRE now will be used in reference to CDF and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Director Ruben Grijalva announced today. Assembly Bill 1423 went into effect January 1, 2007 allowing the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to be referred to as CAL FIRE where appropriate.

"The formal name of our department hasn't changed," said Director Grijalva. "Over the last 100 years our mission has become increasingly complex and the length of our full department name reflects that. The use of CAL FIRE incorporates all aspects of our department -- Fire Protection, Resource Management, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal."

The department's mission has not changed as CAL FIRE will continue to provide the same first rate emergency service and world renowned resource management to the residents of California with simply a new name. Just as the California Department of Transportation is better known as CalTrans, or the California Department of Boating and Waterways is known as Cal Boating, CAL FIRE will be used to reflect the full services provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

To minimize any unnecessary costs, the bill stipulates that no current materials, supplies, signs, insignias, decals or logos shall be destroyed or changed as a result of the authorization to use CAL FIRE. Once the old supplies are exhausted, new materials will be used.

CAL FIRE plans a formal rollout introducing the use of CAL FIRE in May during Wildfire Awareness Week. The name CAL FIRE is spelled out in two words with all capital letters. There is no hyphen or any other punctuation mark between the words.

CAL FIRE responds to over 350,000 incidents per year while protecting over 31 million acres of California.

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