



2025 Palisades Fire Lessons Learned & Recommendations Action Items



1. Re-evaluate and update the LAFD Resource Augmentation and Pre-Deployment Strategies matrix:

EOPS

- Update Inclement Weather (All Hazard) Augmented Staffing and Pre-Deployment Decision Matrix. An updated matrix was approved for use in June 2025 and updated again in August 2025.

2. Adopt new technologies/procedures to provide more relevant, localized fire weather and fuel information for more precise resource augmentation, pre-deployment, prepositioning decision-making:

EOPS/Special Operations

- Update Inclement Weather (All-Hazard) Augmented Staffing and Pre-Deployment Decision Matrix. Completed, August 2025.
- Adopt version 4.0 of the National Fire Danger Rating System (Burning Index, currently at version 2.0) to align with other partners throughout the region.
- Collaborate with LAC Wildland Fuel Management Unit to train LAFD personnel to utilize Pocket Cards for better forecasting behavior conditions.
- Install a weather station on Mt. Lee for more accurate weather observations and forecasting on Hollywood/Metro side of the city.

3. Provide Operational Briefings to all Officers, consider holding Tactics Meetings 24-hours ahead on Red Flag or PDS days:

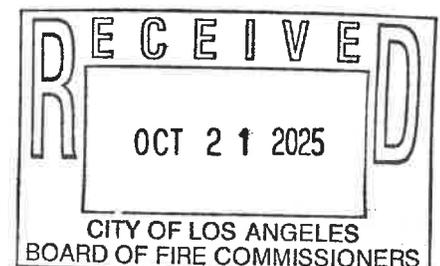
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4. Update LAFD Recall Procedures in MOPS:

FCO/Planning

- Update the Inclement Weather (All Hazard) Augmented Staffing and Pre-Deployment Decision Matrix to include Recall. Completed, August 2025.
- Update LAFD Recall Procedures in MOPS. Completed, September 2025, implementation, November 2025.

5. Conduct Vegetation Fire Annual Threat Assessments:

AOPS/FPB

- TBD

6. Collaborate with other allied and agency partners:

EOPS/Geo Bureaus/Command Staff

- Attend annual Susana, Foothill, and Santa Monica Mutual Threat Zone (MTZ) training. Completed, September 2025.
- Attend the regional annual brush seasonal kickoff and training: Cal OES, Region 1, and Area partners. Completed, June 22, 2025.
- Conduct annual Evacuation Refresher Training (LAFD and LAPD) including Genasys Protect as evacuation tool. Completed, July 2025 by all Geo Bureaus.
- Train on evacuation procedures at the Chief Officer level (COCEP) including the new evacuation maps reflecting Genasys Protect app zone overlays. Completed, October 2025.

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7. Deploy Chief Officers as single resources on high hazard days rather than attaching them to Task Forces:

EOPS/MFC/Geo Bureaus

- Conduct MFC Floor Captain and Battalion Chief Training by MFC Assistant Chief.
- Review the Vegetation Fire Department Bulletin and IRPG annually by all officers. Completed, June 2025.
- Address at annual Chief Officer Continuing Education Program (COCEP) annual training to all Chief Officers. Completed, March 2025.
- Address at annual Officer Continuing Education Program (OCEP) annual training to all Officers. Completed, May 2025.
- Update Inclement Weather (All Hazard) Augmented Staffing and Pre-Deployment Decision Matrix. Completed, August 2025.

8. Review effective use of the radio communication plans both at the dispatch center (MFC) and ICP:

EOPS/Geo Bureaus/MFC/AOPS/ITB

- Conduct MFC Floor Captain and Battalion Chief Training by MFC Assistant Chief.
- Install VHF communication capabilities (LAC Command Channels) at MFC (LAC). Completed, September 2025.

9. Ensure CAD dispatches the appropriate resources consistent with Red Flag Conditions:

EOPS/MFC/AOPS/ITB

- Update CAD to reflect Red Flag dispatching algorithms. Completed, November 2025.
- Conduct MFC Dispatcher, Floor Captain, and Battalion Chief Training by MFC Assistant Chief.

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10. Develop Chief Officer essential knowledge on how to utilize and request specialty resources and overhead personnel:

EOPS/Geo Bureaus

- Produce, distribute, and train to a Significant Vegetation Fire Job Aid for Chief Officers. Completed, October 2025.
- Review the Vegetation Fire Department Bulletin and IRPG annually by all officers. Completed, June 2025.
- Address at annual Chief Officer Continuing Education Program (COCEP) annual training to all Chief Officers. Completed, March 2025.
- Address at annual Officer Continuing Education Program (OCEP) annual training to all Officers. Completed, May 2025.
- Review on department-wide operational conference calls with all Chief Officers.

11. Develop Chief Officer essential knowledge on how to utilize and request very large air tankers (VLAT) in conjunction with Type II airtankers:

EOPS/Geo Bureaus

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12. Develop Officer essential knowledge on the use on a Staging Area Manager (STAM), Light Force at minimum and predetermine Staging locations:

EOPS/Geo Bureaus

- Update pre-established ICP and staging locations for significant vegetation fires. Updated and communicated to their respective Battalion Commanders through their geographic Bureau Commanders. Completed, August 2025.
- Review the Vegetation Fire Department Bulletin and IRPG annually by all officers. Completed, June 2025.
- Addressed at annual Chief Officer Continuing Education Program (COCEP) training to all Chief Officers. Completed, March 2025.
- Address at annual Officer Continuing Education Program (OCEP) annual training to all Officers. Completed, May 2025.

13. Maintain consistent collaboration and training with LAPD regarding evacuation procedures and communication protocols:

EOPS/Geo Bureaus/MFC/EMD

- Conduct training with LAFD, LAPD, and EMD on Genasys Protect application and Everbridge notification systems. Completed, March 2025.
- Conduct annual evacuation refresher training and exercise (LAFD and LAPD) in all geographic bureaus with Genasys Protect as evacuation tool. Completed, July 2025.
- Implement Genasys Protect application policy training with LAFD and EMD. Completed, May 2025.
- Update, train, and distribute Evacuation “Footballs” to Genasys map overlays. Completed, October 2025 COCEP.
- Train on updated ICS to Law Branch with Evacuation Groups. Completed, October 2025 COCEP.
- Conduct annual evacuation command training (green cell training) by all LAFD geographic bureaus. Completed, September 2025.

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14. Develop a minimum of two emergency evacuation routes in very high fire severity zones:

AOPS/FPB/EMD/DPO

- Evaluate the feasibility of Senate Bill 99, Assembly Bill 747, and 1409.

15. Conduct community evacuation notification exercises/wildfire safety education:

EOPS/Geo Bureaus

- Conduct annual evacuation notification exercises in WUI communities.
- Develop and incorporate MySafe:LA Community Wildfire Protection Plans for WUI communities.
- Continue to Educate HOA and WUI communities on wild fire preparedness through Neighborhood Council and HOA meeting interactions with exclusive messaging of Ready, Set, Go; Watch Duty, and Genasys Protect. On-going since February 2025.
- Conduct Wild Fire Safety Fairs in WUI communities. Wild Fire Safety Fairs conducted on: June 22, 2025 (CD 4, 7, & 13); April 8, 2025 (CD 5 & 11).
- Certify HOAs as Fire Safe Councils or Fire Wise Communities. There are six Certified HOA that are Fire Safe Councils within LA City.

16. Install warning sirens for evacuation in WUI communities:

EMD

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17. Update Wildland Operations Plans and share with neighboring agencies:

EOPS/Geo Bureaus

- Attend annual Susana, Foothill, and Santa Monica Mutual Threat Zone (MTZ) training. Completed, September 2025.
- Develop a Palisades/Topanga MTZ. In process, October 2025.
- Update pre-established ICP and staging locations for significant vegetation fires. Updated and communicated to their respective Battalion Commanders through their geographic Bureau Commanders. Completed, August 2025.

18. Update the 2008 Department Maximum Commitment Plan:

EOPS/MFC

- Update the Department Maximum (Minimum) Commitment Plan to current standards. In process, MFC BC

19. Ensure Dispatchers coordinate the appropriate resources (single point ordering) consistent incident conditions:

MFC/AOPS/ITB

- Conduct MFC Floor Captain and Battalion Chief Training by MFC Assistant Chief.
- Install VHF communication capabilities (LAC Command Channels) at MFC (LAC). Completed, September 2025.

20. Ensure the Dispatch Center (MFC) coordinates and communicates the appropriate resources consistent with incident conditions:

EOPS/MFC

- Conduct MFC Dispatcher, Floor Captain, and Battalion Chief Training by MFC Assistant Chief.

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21. Develop Chief Officer essential knowledge on concepts of expanded incident organization (Branching and Divisions):

EOPS/Geo Bureaus

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- Address at annual Officer Continuing Education Program (OCEP) annual training to all Officers. Completed, May 2025.
- Review at annual RT130 (Annual mandated wildland firefighter refresher training) to all members. Completed, June 2025.

22. Consider the purchase of Tablet Command for resource tracking and accountability over multiple digital platforms:

EOPS/MFC

- Purchase and train on Tablet Command. Purchased, September 2025.
Training and implementation TDB.

23. Develop Chief Officer essential knowledge in the use of overhead personnel (Deputy Operations Section Chief [DOSC] and Intelligence Branch):

EOPS/Geo Bureaus

- Train Chief Officers to DOSC duties and responsibilities and provide a job aid at future annual Chief Officer Continuing Education Program (COCEP) training.
- Facilitate California Incident Command and Certification System (CICCS) qualifications within the LAFD. On-going, out of City trainee opportunities expanded to 20 members 2025.
- Review the Vegetation Fire Department Bulletin and IRPG annually by all officers. Completed, June 2025.

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- Address at annual Chief Officer Continuing Education Program (COCEP) training to all Chief Officers. Completed, March 2025.

24. Address Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Department Operations Center (DOC) and Field Incident Management Team (FIMT) gaps:

EOPS/AOPS

- Address during annual EOC, DOC, and FIMT trainings for all three teams.
- EOC: Understanding position duties, lack of experience; SAFO document check list.
- DOC: Accurate and timely portal messages; VOCl software needs, DOC transition.
- FIMT: Understanding position duties, lack of experience; transition of command.

25. Develop Officer essential knowledge on proper use of Type 3 engines, hand crews, and dozers to anchor and reinforce fire control lines:

EOPS/Geo Bureaus

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26. Develop Officer essential knowledge on proper use of Structural Defense Tactical Actions (Fire Front Following & Tactical Patrol):

EOPS/Geo Bureaus

- Purchase and train on the utilization of Type 6 Engines for rescue, evacuation, fire front following, and/or tactical patrol. Four Cal OES Type 6 Engines were delivered to the LAFD, October 2025. One additional Type 6 Engine will be delivered in December of 2025.
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27. Develop Officer essential knowledge on proper fire-line briefings and Leader's Intent for vegetation fires (life, property, perimeter control):

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29. Develop Officer and Engineer essential knowledge on proper use of alternate water supplies:

EOPS/Geo Bureaus

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30. Develop Officer essential knowledge on proper use of salvage operations at vegetation fires:

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31. Explore the updated vegetation fire respiratory protection for Firefighters:

AOPS

- Purchase new and updated vegetation fire respiratory and eye protection for all firefighters. Funded by the LAFD Fire Foundation, September 2025.

32. Address Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Department Operations Center (DOC) and Field Incident Management Team (FIMT) gaps:

EOPS/AOPS

- Address during annual EOC, DOC, and FIMT trainings for all three teams.
- Address knowledge of position duties, lack of experience; transition of command.

33. Improve local area relationships between aviation units by continuing best practices:

EOPS/Air Operations

- Continue current practice.

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34. Better utilize unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) technology during wildland fire incidents:

EOPS

- Develop policy and implement training to use UAS for detection, situational awareness, and cold trailing during wildland fire incidents.
Completed January 2025, Department Bulletin #25-01.

35. Develop plans to support supplies and emergency power systems to fire station affected by the loss of City services:

AOPS/FFS

- TBD

36. Provide post comprehensive medical evaluations for all members:

AOPS/Wellness Section

- Completed, February 2025.

37. Develop a more robust pool of California Incident Command and Certification System (CICCS) qualified personnel:

EOPS/AOPS/Training/ASB

- Provide additional funding and scheduling of California Incident Command and Certification System (CICCS) training classes for LAFD members.
- Facilitate California Incident Command and Certification System (CICCS) qualifications within the LAFD. On-going, out of City trainee opportunities expanded to 20 members 2025.

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38. Develop Chief Officer essential WUI tactics and command and control of wind driven vegetation fires (size, scope, and complexity):

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39. Develop Officer essential knowledge of TIER concept for driven vegetation fires:

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40. Provide RT-130 for LAPD and other necessary City Departments:

AOPS/Training Division

- TBD

41. Evaluate the establishment of a Vegetation Steering Committee:

EOPS/Special Operations

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42. Provide additional Type 6 Engines for Structural Defense Tactical Actions (Fire Front Following & Tactical Patrol):

EOPS

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