



FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE GIVEN AND RECEIVED

Aid given or received, either automatic, prearranged, or mutual for a specific incident are defined below.

Aid Received: A fire department handles an incident within its jurisdiction with additional manpower or equipment from one or more fire departments outside its jurisdiction. Aid received can be either mutually requested by initial responding fire department or automatic aid that was dispatched based on a prior agreement between two jurisdictions.

Aid Given: A fire department responds into another fire department's jurisdiction to provide assistance at an incident or to cover a vacated station while the receiving fire department is busy at an incident.

Other Aid Given: A fire department covers and responds to another jurisdiction or locale that has no fire department.

The State and local agencies often contract with CAL FIRE for fire protection services. CAL FIRE provides a full-service fire department that responds to wildland fires, structure fires, floods, hazardous material spills, swift water rescues, civil disturbances, earthquakes, medical, and other emergencies of all kinds. Local governments are able to utilize CAL FIRE diversity and experience through several kinds of contracts and agreements.

State statute authorizes CAL FIRE to enter into cooperative agreements (Schedule A) with local government entities such as cities, counties, and districts. These contracts provide many forms of emergency services for their communities. The Schedule A agreement itemizes in detail, fire stations, personnel, salaries, operating expenses, rental of state vehicles, maintenance of automobile and radio equipment, and utilities to be financed by the local agency. The positions are filled by state employees, and the salaries, hours, and working conditions are established at state standards.

Another type of cooperative agreement (AMADOR) is available to qualifying counties and special districts to provide for the non-fire season use of CAL FIRE equipment, personnel, and buildings for fire prevention, fire suppression, emergency medical services, dispatching, and other emergency services.

