

# XSD OP AREA PLAN

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

San Diego County is in an area with potential for a high risk of being involved in either a natural or human made disaster. Specifically, San Diego is prone to wild land fires, multiple in number as experienced in 1996, 2003, and 2007.

The complexity, frequency, and magnitude of disasters whether natural or human made and specifically wild land fires in California requires the increasing demand for coordinated fire and rescue mutual aid plans.

San Diego is comprised of 31 individual City Fire Departments, 12 Fire Districts, 8 Volunteer Fire Departments, County Fire Authority, CAL Fire, USFS, and DOD Fire Departments. The San Diego Operational Area (XSD Op Area) is in Region VI under the California Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES) Master Mutual Aid Agreement (MMA) for the State of California.

The XSD Op Area is comprised of four (4) Zones, the Central, East, Metro, and North Zones. The fire agencies are assigned to one of the four zones geographically and by dispatch center when feasible for coordination of fire and rescue resources.

## 2. Purpose of the XSD Op Area Plan

The plan describes the XSD Op Area roles and responsibilities to ensure effective systematic mobilization of the closest most appropriate fire and rescue resources to the disaster or event in an organized and timely manner.