

What is the CAL FIRE Amador Plan?

A Cooperative Fire Protection Model

Overview

The Amador Plan is a cooperative fire protection model between CAL FIRE and a local government that provides year-round staffing of CAL FIRE stations during the non-declared fire season. The model originated in Amador County and has since been used in numerous California communities.

Why is it called the Amador Plan?

The staffing model was first developed in Amador County. Although the name has remained, the cooperative staffing concept has been adopted in many CAL FIRE units throughout California.

How the Amador Plan Works

- CAL FIRE provides the State-owned station, engine, and company officer.
- The local government funds the additional firefighter staffing needed to keep the station operating during the non-declared fire season.
- The staffed station remains available for local emergencies while supporting CAL FIRE's statewide emergency response system.

Benefits

- Maintains year-round staffing at CAL FIRE stations.
- Improves emergency response readiness.
- Provides access to CAL FIRE's statewide resources and operational system.
- Shares costs between the State and the local government rather than requiring a local agency to independently own and staff an additional station.

Amador Plan vs. Schedule A

Amador Plan: Uses State-owned stations and apparatus with shared staffing costs.

Schedule A: A contract under which CAL FIRE provides full-service fire protection personnel to operate a local fire department.

Key Takeaway

The Amador Plan is a long-standing cooperative staffing model that allows local governments to partner with CAL FIRE to keep State fire stations staffed year-round by sharing personnel costs. The program originated in Amador County and has been implemented in many areas throughout California.