



CALIFORNIA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fire Chief:

It is time to renew your California Fire Chiefs Association membership. At this link, you will find the CalChiefs [annual membership invoices](#) for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The membership rate for your agency is determined by the total count of your Department/District's full-time equivalent (FTE) positions (both safety and non-safety). If your agency wishes to add additional Group memberships beyond the number included with the agency tier, you may add them at \$120 each. *Detailed instructions on how to renew can be found on the website and on each of the membership invoices.*

Benefits of membership include participation on the Executive Board, full Board, commissions, committees, boards, and task forces representing California's Fire and EMS Services; legislative representation, review, and action; discounted conference rates and special events; job announcements and classified postings on the CalChiefs website; access to initial EMS consultation via AP Triton, the CalChiefs contracted firm; and being part of a statewide network focusing on fire administration, operations, emergency medical services, prevention, emergency management, communications, & fleet services.

Most importantly, your membership helps support the efforts to improve California's fire and EMS services. Some of our recent activities include:

- We assisted in securing a favorable ruling in the *AmeriCare* case from the Ninth Circuit Court, affirming federal anti-trust immunity for local fire agencies.
- We were successful in securing \$50 million in state budget funding over the last two years for local pre-positioning.
- We were successful in influencing actions taken by the wildfire conference committee last legislative session.
- By fostering a strong working relationship with state legislators and the Newsom administration, we were able to secure another \$25 million investment for pre-positioning as reflected in Governor Newsom's proposed 2019-20 state budget.
- We were successful in our challenge of CalEMSA's interpretation and implementation of the EMS Act by petitioning the Office of Administrative Law to rule that EMSA's guidelines and enforcement actions constitute unlawful "underground" regulations negatively impacting local fire agencies' ability to provide local emergency medical services to their residents.

Membership dues is the primary revenue source to ensure we have the funds to continue these efforts on your behalf. CalChiefs can only remain an organization of influence if it is strong in membership and strong in a unified voice for California Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

We thank you in advance for your membership in CalChiefs. It is our pleasure to serve our members and advocate on your behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracey M. Hansen".

Tracey M. Hansen
Executive Director