

Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association

CICCS Committee report on activities for 2025

The following report is a summary/recap of activities undertaken by the XPU CICCOS Review Committee. Submitted to the Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association.

I was appointed by the OAC and approved by the Fire Chiefs Association to chair the committee. The following is a roster of the current committee members and the seat they represent:

Richard Sonsteng- Committee Chair/ Fire Protection District/Peninsula Fire District

Rob Buckhout- Cal OES

Martin Senter- Federal Wildland Agency/USFS

Joe Walton- Cal Fire

Jenifer Armstrong- Volunteer Fire Department/ Graeagle FPD

Robert Stoddard- Community College/ Feather River CC

Patrick Callahan- Training Specialist/USFS alternate

Don Fregulia- USFS alternate

The committee met in person on May 15th, 2025. I officially assumed the Chair and confirmed the commitment of the previous committee members. Previously I had met with Kenny Osborne and was given documents on previous activity and the most recent Op area audit from 2024. I also received documents from Chris Baker (previous chair). Due to the geographic challenges all subsequent work was done either via email or video meeting. The bulk of the activities are broken down into 2 categories. First are transfers for new people coming into the County or transferring between county agencies. The second category is CICCS packet reviews. These are either new requests for positions or qualification requests for already approved trainees. It should be noted that some of the transfer requests have higher levels of qualification that the Op Area does not review. In these cases, I pushed these requests to either the Region 3 committee or the PACE V (State Fire Training/OES) for review.

Transfers:

- Jeff Dupras- USFS to Plumas Eureka
- Mike Hambrick- Indian Valley to Long Valley
- Danny Douglas- LA County to Peninsula
- Kevin Kaminkar- Monterey County to Peninsula
- Juanita Cortez- USFS to Peninsula
- Tina Kenedy- USFS to Peninsula
- Joe Meheiz- Kern County to Peninsula
- Eric Rice- USFS to Plumas Eureka
- Mike Sherman- USFS to Plumas Eureka

Packet Reviews:

- Loren Davis (PEN) Public Information Officer Trainee/ Staging Area Manager Trainee
- Jenny McGuire (PE) Status Check in Recorder Qualified/ Documentation Unit Leader Trainee
- Rich Sonsteng (PEN) Operations Section Chief Type 1 Trainee/ Liaison Officer Trainee
- Bob Gray (PEN) Liaison Officer Trainee
- Ryland Arbuckle (PEN) Safety Officer Field Trainee/ Strike Team Leader Trainee
- Kurt Duff (PEN) Strike Team Leader Trainee
- Tim Johnson (PEN) Fireline Paramedic Qualified/ Strike Team Leader Trainee/ Task Force Leader Trainee
- Cyndy Hallam (PE) Emergency Medical Technician B Qualified/ Status Check in Recorder Trainee
- Brian Dameron (PEN) Planning Section Chief Type 1 Trainee Moving into this year, the committee will determine a date for our next meeting as well as begin the required annual audit. Although this may sound daunting, it is primarily used as a tool to update and confirm with each agency that the personnel showing in IROQ are still employed by the agency and the Fire Chief is aware of the status of each person. Due to the good work done by the committee in the past I do not anticipate any conflicts of qualifications. As always, I am available to discuss any specific needs for each agency in this association.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Sonsteng
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Peninsula Fire District