

0745 - 0845 **Registration & Exhibition**

OPENING SESSIONS – THE BIG ISSUES

0845 - 0850 Conference Sessions Sponsor Video – Aeroflite Inc.

0850 - 0900 **Moderator's Opening Remarks** – Chief Kim Zagaris, Wildfire Policy & Technology Advisor, Western Fire Chiefs Association, USA

0900 – 0905 **Welcome Video** – Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator for California

0905 – 0925 **Welcome Address** – Chief Joe Tyler, Director CAL FIRE, USA

0925 – 0950 **Forest Service Aviation – Supporting the Mission** – Paul Linse, National Assistant Director Aviation, US Forest Service, USA

0950 – 1010 **CAL FIRE – Amentum Team: A World-Renowned Aviation Aerial Firefighting Program** – Sean D. Navin, Program Director, Amentum Aviation, USA

1010 – 1100 **Refreshment Break & Networking**

Panel: Wildland Fire Commission Report – What Next for AFF

Moderator: Dan Reese, President, International Wildfire Consulting Group, USA

1100 – 1150
Panellists: Chief Kim Zagaris, Wildfire Policy & Technology Advisor, Western Fire Chiefs Association, USA
Bob Roper, Senior Policy Advisor, Western Fire Chiefs Association / Wildland Fire Committee, USA
Kate Dargan, Senior Wildfire Advisor, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, USA
Paul Petersen, Executive Director, United Aerial Firefighters Association, USA

1150 - 1210 **Large Airtankers Abroad – Increased Demand for Worldwide Operations** – Britton Coulson, President & COO, Coulson Aviation, Canada

1210 – 1235 **Military Assets – Maximising the Opportunity** – Logan Kalfsbeek, Division Chief, CAL FIRE, USA

1235 – 1415 **Lunch Break & Networking**

UAS OPERATIONS & CHALLENGES - MOVING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

1415 – 1440 **Aerial Firefighting in the Second Golden Age of Flight** – Mark Bathrick, President, Bathrick Aviation Consulting / former Director, Office of Aviation Services, U.S. Department of Interior, USA

1440 – 1505 **UAS Operations & Challenges in Wildland Firefighting** – Parimal H. Kopardekar, Director, NASA Aeronautics Research Institute, USA

1505 – 1530 **CAL FIRE UAS Operations** – Peter York, Battalion Chief – UAS Operations, CAL FIRE, USA

1530 – 1615 **Refreshment Break & Networking**

1615 – 1640 **Advancing UAS Utilization Through Standardization** – Dirk Giles, National UAS Program Manager & Justin Baxter, National UAS Operations, USDA Forest Service, USA

1640 – 1705 **UAV Technology for Fire Detection & Suppression** - Professor Vaios Lappas, Dept. Head, Aerospace Science & Technology, University of Athens, Greece

1705 – 1725 **Fortress Next-Generation Fire Retardants** – Robert Baird, Director, Government & External Affairs, Fortress, a Division of Compass Minerals, USA

1725 – 1730 **Moderator's Closing Remarks**

1730 - 1830 **Drinks Reception** sponsored by Fortress North America

1900 - 2200 **Event Dinner** sponsored by Amentum (Invited guests only)

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CAL FIRE'S AFF ADVANTAGE

0850 – 0910 **The Future of Night Aerial Fire Retardant Application & Use** – Brian Fennessy, Fire Chief, Orange County Fire Authority, USA

Panel: Night Operations

0910 – 0950
Moderator: Dan Reese, President, International Wildfire Consulting Group, USA
Panellists: Brian Renner, Division Chief, CAL FIRE, USA
Michael Sagely, Senior Pilot, Los Angeles County Fire Department, USA
Beau Dobberstein, Rotor-Wing Branch Chief, USDA Forest Service, USA
Tim Perkins, Assistant Chief of Operations, Orange County Fire Authority, USA

0950 – 1010 **Training Pilots Using Multi-Aircraft Simulators** – Chris Niemann, General Manager, Aero-Flite Inc., Canada

Refreshment Break & Networking

1055 – 1120 **Wildland Fire Chemicals Standard Test Procedures** – Mike McFarlane, Fire Chemicals Branch Chief, USDA Forest Service & Bryon Lake, NTDP – Wildland Fire Chemical Systems Program Manager, USDA Forest Service – National Technology Development Program, USA

1120 – 1140 **When it Comes to Aerial Firefighting, Performance Matters** – Jeff Emery, President, Global Fire Safety, Perimeter Solutions, USA

1140 – 1200 **Aerial Overwatch: Enhancing Firefighter Safety in the Field** – Mel Holtz, Director of Business Development, Bridger Aerospace, USA

Lunch Break & Networking

1330 – 1355 **CAL FIRE Contract Aircraft Standards & Requirements** – Stuart Sprung, Chief of Flight Operations, CAL FIRE, USA

1355 – 1420 **Interoperability** – Jason Nava, Program Manager Aviation Safety, Pacific Gas & Electric Aviation, USA

COLLABORATION IN THE NEW ERA

1420 – 1445 **The Canadian Experience** - Luc Dugas, Directeur du Centre Provincial de Lutte, SOPFEU, Canada

Panel: Western States – Adapting to the New Environment

1445 – 1525
Moderator: Chief Kim Zagaris, Wildfire Policy & Technology Advisor, Western Fire Chiefs Association, USA
Panellists: Buster Robinson, Incident Aviation Operations Officer, Texas A&M Forest Service, USA
Vince Welbaum, Aviation Unit Chief, Wildland Fire Management Section, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, USA
Ron Bollier, State Fire Management Officer, Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Nevada Division of Forestry, USA

1525 - 1530 **Moderator's Closing Remarks & Event Close**