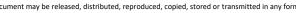


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0745 - 0845	Registration & Exhibition		
OPENING SE	SSIONS – THE BIG ISSUES		
0845 - 0850	Conference Sessions Sponsor Video – Aeroflite Inc.		
0850 - 0900	Moderator's Opening Remarks – Chief Kim Zagaris, Wildfire Policy & Technology Advisor, Western 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		
1100 – 1150	Panel: Wildland Fire Commission Report – What Next for AFF		
	Moderator: Dan Reese, President, International Wildfire Consulting Group, USA		
	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 1705 - 1725 1725 - 1730	UAV Technology for Fire Detection & Suppression - Professor Vaios Lappas, Dept. Head, Aerospace Science &		
	Technology, University of Athens, Greece		
	Fortress Next-Generation Fire Retardants – Robert Baird, Director, Government & External Affairs, Fortress, a		
	Division of Compass Minerals, USA Moderator's Closing Remarks		
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1730 - 1830	Drinks Reception sponsored by Fortress North America		
1900 - 2200	Event Dinner sponsored by Amentum (Invited guests only)		







CONFERENCE PROGRAMME – 8 MARCH 2024

0745 - 0840	Registration & Exhibition			
0840 - 0850	Moderator's Opening Remarks – Chief Kim Zagaris, Wildfire Policy & Technology Advisor, Western Fire Chiefs Association, USA			
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			
0910 – 0950	Panel: Night Operations			
	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			
1010 – 1055	Refreshment Break & Networking			
	Wildland Fire Chemicals Standard Test Procedures – Mike McFarlane, Fire Chemicals Branch Chief, USDA Forest			
1055 – 1120	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,			
1120 – 1140	Perimeter Solutions, USA			
1140 – 1200	Aerial Overwatch: Enhancing Firefighter Safety in the Field – Mel Holtz, Director of Business Development, Bridger Aerospace, USA			
1200 – 1330	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			
	Moderator:	Chief Kim Zagaris, Wildfire Policy & Technology Advisor, Western Fire Chiefs Association, USA		
1445 – 1525	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		

Moderator's Closing Remarks & Event Close

1525 - 1530