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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Celebrates 100 Year Anniversary

Sacramento – On Monday, May 9 the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) will celebrate its centennial on the west steps of the Capitol from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. The theme for this historic celebration is “100 Years of CDF – Preserving Our Legacy, Protecting Our Future.”

The event will feature displays that showcase CDF’s rich and diverse heritage. “CDF’s role as a fire and emergency response agency has evolved over the last 100 years as our state’s urban and rural populations have grown,” stated CDF Chief Dale Geldert. “During the past century, CDF has been at the forefront in protecting the lives and property of Californians.”

The men and women of the CDF are dedicated to the fire protection and stewardship of more than 31 million acres of California's privately-owned lands. The department's firefighters, fire engines, and aircraft respond to an average of more than 5,700 wildland fires each year. CDF continues to successfully attain its goal of containing 95 percent of the fires while they are small, within 10 acres or less.

Often referred to as “California’s Fire Department,” CDF responds to a variety of emergency calls including hazardous material spills, medical emergencies, rescues, and structure fires. The public is invited to attend the event at the State Capitol on May 9 or the many local events going on throughout the state during CDF’s anniversary year.

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