



## **Communiqué**

Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor

Mike Chrisman  
Secretary for Resources

Ruben Grijalva  
California Department of  
Forestry and Fire Protection  
Director

---

Deputy Director,  
Communications  
Michael Jarvis

Daniel Berlant  
Editor / Layout,  
Communications Specialist

June Iljana  
Electronic/Print Info Manager  
Editing

Alisha Herring  
Communications Analyst  
Research / Writing

Mallory Fites  
Communications Assistant  
Editing / Writing

Jean LaClair  
Retired Annuitant  
Proofreading

Wes Schultz  
Photographer

The Communiqué is published by the  
California Department of Forestry and  
Fire Protection Communications Office.  
Articles and photos are always welcome.

(916) 653-5123 [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov)

*Winter 2007*

- 4** *Director's Message*
- 6** *Why 100 Feet?...defensible space campaign*
- 8** *SuperTanker*
- 9** *Programs make for faster response*
- 10** *CAL FIRE Angels*
- 12** *Unmanned aircraft is latest firefighting tool*
- 14** *Protecting history from the devastation of fire*
- 16** *CAL FIRE EEO needs you!*
- 17** *Communications corner*
- 18** *CAL FIRE leads nation in fire preventable construction*
- 20** *ALS provides more options in saving lives*
- 22** *Vina Helitack Base*
- 24** *Conversation...Chief Del Walters*
- 26** *Transitions...A look at CAL FIRE's newest unit chiefs*
- 30** *Sawtooth Complex and Medal of Valor photo essays*

***From the Cover...***

*A converted DC-10 drops water during a training exercise. More on the SuperTanker on page 8. Photo courtesy of 10 Tanker Air Carrier Inc.*