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CDF Firefighters Return from Mexico

San Diego — Firefighters with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) are returning Friday from Mexico after battling a 4,000 acre wildfire in Baja California Norte.

Firefighters from CDF responded to Mexico after California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Office approved a request by Baja California Gov. Eugenio Elorduy Walther on Saturday, June 17. Two engine strike teams with a total of ten engines were sent out on Sunday night after an advance team of two fire chiefs and a captain responded to the incident. CDF firefighters were assigned to the fire on Monday, June 19 and worked side by side with local firefighters.

This is believed to be the first time that CDF personnel have traveled so far beyond the border to assist its neighbor. The fire was located approximately 300 miles south of the US border. Under longstanding agreements through the Border Agency Fire Council response agreements are in place for assistance for one mile over each side of the border. A response this far into Mexico required thorough planning and logistical support. CDF had a total of 54 personnel assigned across the border. CDF was able to fill the request while still remaining ready to respond to any wildfires here in California.

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