Acronyms and Terms
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3N	National Notification Network
AAR	After Action Report; a document intended to capture observations of an exercise and make recommendations for post-exercise improvements. The final AAR and Improvement Plan (IP) are printed and distributed jointly as a single AAR/IP following an exercise.
AFN	Access and Functional Needs; refers to individuals who are or have: physical, developmental or intellectual disabilities; chronic conditions or injuries; limited English proficiency.
ARES	Amateur Radio Emergency Service
ARK	City-owned shipping containers located throughout the city that are stocked with emergency supplies to support a field-based ICS field response. ARK is staffed by Citizen Corps.
ARP	Alternative Response Plan; provides a written guide to City officials, City OES, and PSC vehicle staff on the minimum information needed to activate the PSC Alternate Response Plan, and to describe this response.
ARRL	American Radio Relay League
Base Camp	CAL FIRE, synonymous for the ICP
CAL Fire	The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is an emergency response and resource protection department. CAL FIRE protects lives, property and natural resources from fire; responds to emergencies of all types, and protects and preserves timberlands, wildlands, and urban forests.
CAP	Corrective Action Plan; FEMA; HSEEP: actions identified during activations or exercises that are tracked to completion, ensuring that exercises yield tangible preparedness improvements.
CARES	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service
CCC	Cupertino Citizen Corps
CCNS	Cupertino Community Notification System
CERT	Community Emergency Response Team
CESA	California Emergency Services Association
CLEAR	Community Local Emergency Assistance Request
COG	Continuity of Government
Comm 469	City of Cupertino Public Safety Communications Vehicle #469
COOP	Continuity of Operations
COSIN	Control Staff Instructions. A document prepared by the Exercise Design Team for use by the Control Staff (exercise director, simulators, evaluators).
COVID-19	Coronavirus 2019, SAR-CoV-2
CuSD	Cupertino Sanitary District
CUSD	Cupertino Union School District
DOC	Departmental Operation Center
DPW	Department of Public Works
DSW	Disaster Service Worker
EAS	Emergency Alert System
EC	Emergency Coordinator

EMA	Emergency Management Association
EOC	Emergency Operations Center; the central command and control facility responsible for carrying out the principles of emergency management, or disaster management functions at a strategic level in an emergency situation, and ensuring the continuity of operation of the City.
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan. The document that describes the methods, procedures, and authority for coordinating resources and personnel of a jurisdiction in responding to disasters.
ExPlan	Exercise Plan. This document; provides the instructions, guidelines and organizational information to all participants for the conduct of a specific exercise.
FCC	Federal Communication Commission
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FLA	First Look Area
FLA Control Log	The document used to record the assignment, completion, and results of assigned FLA area
FSE	Full Scale Exercise. An exercise is as close to the real thing as possible. It is a lengthy exercise which takes place on location using, as much as possible, the equipment and personnel that would be called upon in a real event.
GIS	Geographic Information System
H & W	Health & Welfare; used within the context of a Health & Welfare Check. Usually check of field teams to sure they are OK.
HCP	Health Care Professionals
IAP	Incident Action Plan
ICP	Incident Command Post. A temporary physical location used for the purpose of on-scene incident command and management at the tactical level.
ICS	Incident Command System. A people management system with clearly defined roles and functions, and with attributes or system features that are flexible and adaptable to both large and small incidents and events.
IDR	Infectious Disease Response
ISA	Infrastructure Safety Assessment
ISO	Information Security Officer
JIC	Joint Information Center
LP	Local Primary
MAC	Mutual Aid Communicator
MACS	Multi-Agency Coordination System
Map Book	List of all Zone and Area Maps covering all 142 miles of City streets
MARPLOT	**M**apping **A**pplication for **R**esponse, **P**lanning, and **L**ocal **O**perational **T**asks; a mapping program for the CAMEO software suite, developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRC	Medical Reserve Corps
NCO	Net Control Operator
NCS	Net Control Station

NIMS	National Incident Management System
NWS	National Weather Service, an organization within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
OA	Operational Area concept (OpArea or OA)
OASIS	Operation Area Satellite Information System
OES	Office of Emergency Services
OpArea	Operational Area concept (OpArea or OA)
PIO	Public Information Officer. Serves as the coordinator and clearinghouse of information to the public and the media.
PSA	Preliminary Safety Assessment, a home-based assessment that develops a quick snapshot of the state of the city based on the distribution of CARES members
PSC	Public Safety Communications
PSPS	Public Safety Power Shutoff
RACES	Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services
RO	Radio Officer
RRO	Radio Room Operator. The position that originates and receives messages for exchange with field responders
SCC	Santa Clara County
SCVWD	Santa Clara Valley Water District
SEMS	Standardized Emergency Management System
SJWC	San Jose Water Company
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
Staging	CAL FIRE: Reporting locations when resources deploy to the fire. For big incidents, each division is likely to have a staging location. Resources go there to await assignment; supplies are dropped off there.
TIS	Travelers Information Service
WUI	Wildland Urban Interface