

Comparison: CAL FIRE (Statewide) vs. Tulare County Fire (Local)

Feature	CAL FIRE (Statewide)	Tulare County Fire (Local)
What it is	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, a state agency for fire and forestry stewardship.	A local fire department serving the residents of Tulare County.
Scope	Provides fire protection and emergency services in 36 of California's 58 counties, covering wildland and structure fires.	Responds to local emergencies specific to Tulare County, including fires and rescues.
Role	Protects millions of acres of wildlands, largest all-risk fire department in California.	Focuses on local fire protection and emergency incidents within Tulare County.
Special Features	Provides statewide coordination, aerial firefighting, training, and contract services to counties.	Provides on-the-ground, community-specific response tailored to local needs.
Relationship	Works alongside local fire departments; may provide resources or support. Local departments may also provide services under contract with CAL FIRE.	Coordinates with CAL FIRE during large incidents; may operate under contract areas.