

## CAL FIRE implements *iWitness* for improved wildland fire investigations

The **California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF)**, renamed "**CAL FIRE**" has adopted the *iWitness*<sup>TM</sup> Close Range Photogrammetry software for wildland fire investigations in statewide operations, ([www.iwitnessphoto.com](http://www.iwitnessphoto.com).) CAL FIRE recognized *iWitness* for its versatility and ease of use in image-based 3D mapping. CAL FIRE anticipates improved wildland fire investigations in both reduced on-scene time and improved three-dimensional modeling using the PC-based *iWitness* photogrammetry software system.

DeChant Consulting Services – DCS Inc., of Bellevue, WA was retained by CAL FIRE as the vendor of the *iWitness* technology. DCS provided the turnkey photogrammetric software and hardware system, which included training of both *iWitness* (photogrammetry) and the *Fire Zone* (computer aided drafting software programs.)

Thirty-one of sixty CAL FIRE law enforcement investigators were trained the week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, at the CDF facility in Redding, CA. The remaining twenty-nine investigators are scheduled for training of the photogrammetry technology the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the CAL FIRE facility in Fresno, CA. CAL FIRE had also purchased a quantity of sixty Canon Digital Rebel XTi cameras for their scene investigations.

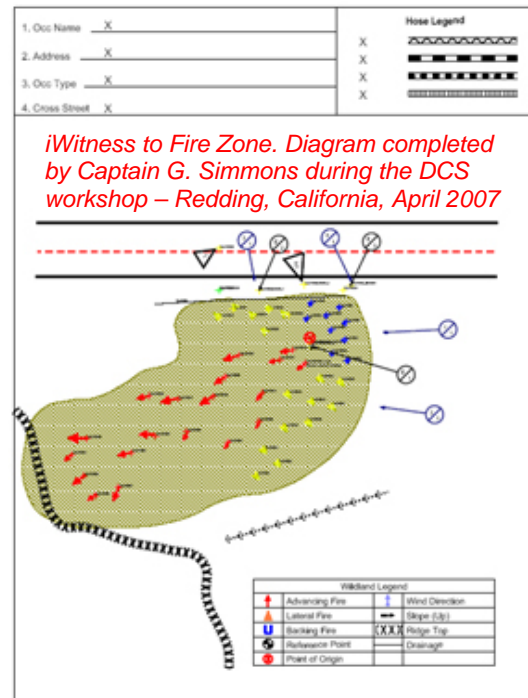


CAL FIRE law enforcement officers are trained and certified in accordance with the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). The Department's officers are busy year round

investigating fire causes, interviewing witnesses, issuing citations and setting up surveillance operations. Additionally, law enforcement staff provides assistance when requested by local fire and law enforcement agencies in arson, bomb, fireworks, and fire extinguisher investigations, as well as disposal of explosives.

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection protects the people of California from fires, responds to emergencies, and protects and enhances forest, range, and watershed values providing social, economic, and environmental benefits to rural and urban citizens.

CAL FIRE anticipates the use of the *iWitness* photogrammetry software in a multitude of their 3D measurement and mapping applications needs. CAL FIRE investigators across the state of California will join a long list of law enforcement agencies across the United States that utilize *iWitness* as an accurate, low-cost, image-based technology for measuring and diagramming during criminal investigations.



About DeChant Consulting Services – DCS Inc.

DeChant Consulting Services is the North American distributor of *iWitness* and offers turnkey photogrammetry solutions to a range of customers, including police and transportation agencies, accident reconstruction practitioners, industrial engineering firms and universities. DeChant Consulting Services is headquartered in Bellevue, WA.

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