

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

## California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



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### **CAL FIRE HELICOPTER TAKES CENTER STAGE AT SIKORSKY BOOTH AT HAI HELI-EXPO 2024**

**McClellan Park, CA** – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is proud to announce that its Firehawk helicopter will be featured at the Sikorsky booth (#8334) during the Helicopter Association International (HAI) Heli-Expo 2024 this week, February 27-29, 2024, in Anaheim, California.

The [CAL FIRE HAWK](#), a variant of the Sikorsky S-70i helicopter, is a multi-mission aerial firefighting and rescue machine designed for California's diverse emergencies. CAL FIRE's Copter 612 will be on display throughout the expo, showcasing its advanced capabilities.

“We are excited to partner with Sikorsky to showcase the S-70i Firehawk and the vital role it plays in our operations,” said Chief Jake Sjolund, Fire Protection Program, Deputy Director. “This expo is a valuable opportunity to connect with industry leaders and the public and to demonstrate our commitment to using the latest technology to keep Californians safe.”

The HAI HELI-EXPO 2024 is the world's largest trade show dedicated to the helicopter industry. With over 600 industry suppliers and multi-day educational opportunities, the show attracts attendees from all over the world. Key features of the CAL FIRE S-70i FIRE HAWK on display:

- A Night Vision System, enabling operations in low-light conditions
- 1000-gallon water/foam tank with retractable snorkel
- External hoist for rescue mission

Sikorsky is a world leader in the design, development, and production of helicopters for commercial, military, and government use. While Sikorsky constructs the base S-70i helicopter, United Rotorcraft plays a critical role in transforming it into the firefighting powerhouse known as the CAL FIRE HAWK.

CAL FIRE is a unique agency that combines fire protection, forestry, and emergency medical services. CAL FIRE protects over 31 million acres of California's wildlands and provides emergency services in 36 of the state's 58 counties.

As CAL FIRE continues to look to the future in both technology and aerial capability, the Firehawk stands as a testament to versatility and innovation in aerial firefighting and rescue. Its capabilities make it a crucial asset for protecting lives and property from California's diverse emergencies.

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