



Dan Reese

President, Global SuperTanker Services, LLC

Dan Reese is regarded as an authority on the use of air tankers in support of firefighter missions throughout the United States. Over the course of a distinguished 32-year career in the fire service, Reese rose through ranks, starting in 1985 as a firefighter for Nevada Department of Forestry, ultimately being appointed Chief of Tactical Air Operations (TAO) for CAL FIRE prior to his retirement. As Chief of TAO, he had program responsibility for one of America's largest aerial firefighting forces.



In 2007 Reese led and coordinated the development of the Nation's first Very Large Air Tanker (VLAT) program for CAL FIRE. VLATs are

now used year-round and deployed worldwide as needed. Upon retirement from his 25 years in CAL FIRE, which included his role as California State Military Program manager, Reese was awarded the California's Military Department's highest honor given to a civilian – the Legion of Merit Medal

Chief Reese was responsible for integration of Air Operation Branch Directors into the state-wide California Geographic Air Command Centers. He led development of the military operating plan and related training for California. He was also a primary architect of the State of California's Catastrophic Aviation Response Plan and Air Operations concept of operations through the Office of Emergency Services, and Cal Trans.

In his various CAL FIRE capacities, Reese acquired expertise in a number of disciplines, ranging from air operations, rescue, command, instruction/training and fire operations. He was instrumental in the development of multiple CAL FIRE aviation curriculum courses. Reese also had a lead role in establishing the TAO framework that is in place today. Under his leadership, new air attack bases were developed, one of which is said to be one of the largest and most modern in the world. – McClellan air tanker base. He managed CAL FIRE'S wildland fire chemical and aviation training programs and served as the organization's representative on the National Interagency Chemical Board and Aerial Supervision Committee.

Reese is currently serving as President of Global SuperTanker Services, LLC, a company operating the worlds largest firefighting air tanker.

Reese holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from Southern Oregon State University in Nursing.