

ROGUE VALLEY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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PURPOSE

To establish an organizational structure and operating guidelines for the mobilization of Jackson and Josephine County fire service resources in the event of large-scale emergencies.

POLICY

It is the intent of the Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association to:

- I. Coordinate response as per the conditions established by the RVFCA Mutual/Automatic Aid Agreement #4.01.
- II. Maintain a system of predefined task forces and strike teams for response to large-scale incidents within Jackson and Josephine Counties. (See Regional Strike Team – Task Force Make Up Form #5.04)
- III. Review this plan on an annual basis and modify as necessary.
- IV. Assure all dispatch centers and fire service agencies in Jackson and Josephine Counties have the minimum training and information necessary to implement the provisions of this plan.

ACTIVATION LEVELS

- I. **Alert** – Notice of possible future activation. No action required.
- II. **Standby** - Apparatus on standby at respective stations ready to respond within 3 minutes of notification. Pre-positioning of apparatus in designated marshalling area will be at discretion of the team leader.
- III. **Respond** - Immediate response (**Code 1 or 3**) to the scene, or designated team marshalling area (or other as directed by team leader).
 - a) When traveling on freeway, or when traffic precludes the advantage of Code 3 response, apparatus should drop to Code 1, or as directed by the team leader.
 - b) Response mode for Tenders will always be Code 1.

TEAM CONFIGURATIONS

Team participants recognize the importance of maximum staffing levels as it pertains to service delivery and personnel safety issues. The preferred minimum staffing level for Type 1 or 2 Engines and Ladder response is 3 personnel. Specialty units such as wildland units, tenders, tactical tenders, rescues, etc. may have a minimum staffing level of 2 personnel. Engine and Ladder staffing may drop to a minimum staffing level of 2 personnel, and Tenders reduced to 1. Team Leaders should also respond with an assistant whenever possible. In the event that an agency responds with less than the preferred minimum staff, that agency shall make an honest attempt to fill the missing position within the first operational period.

I. Task Forces

A. Wildland Task Force (WTF) 1 command vehicle, 5 apparatus

1. One (1) command vehicle with task force leader and assistant/trainee.
2. Two or three (2-3) type 1 thru 3 engine companies (3 persons per engine).
3. One or Two (1-2) type 4 thru 6 engine companies (2 persons per engine).
4. One (1) water tender (2 persons per tender).

II. Strike Teams

A. Wildland Strike Team (WST)

1. One (1) command vehicle with strike team leader and assistant/trainee.
2. Five (5) type 3 thru 6 engine companies (2 persons per engine).

B. Structural Strike Team (SST)

1. One (1) command vehicle with strike team leader and assistant/trainee.
2. Five (5) type 1 thru 2 engine companies (3 persons per engine).

C. Tender Strike Team (TST)

1. One (1) command vehicle with strike team leader and assistant/trainee.
2. Four (4) 1,000-gallon min. capacity water tenders (2 persons per tender).

TEAM MEMBER AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES (for guidance of existing membership, as well as evaluation of new membership inclusion*)

- I. Be a signer of the Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association (RVFCA) Mutual Aid Agreement.
- II. Have the ability to meet the requirements listed in the current RVFCA Mutual/Auto Aid Agreement
- III. Have all mobile and portable radios programmed with current RVFCA Radio Frequency Programming, and personnel are familiar with proper radio use and channel locations.
- IV. Have ability to immediately respond at least 1 unit upon request, as defined by the RVFCA Regional Mobilization Plan, in accordance with the specific Strike Team/Task Force configuration requested (SST, WST, WTF), and with the minimum number of personnel indicated. Equivalent apparatus of the same type may be substituted.
- V. Have ability to adequately back-fill staffing in their home district for the duration of deployment of the Strike Team/Task Force.
- VI. Have adequate, self-sufficient provisions of water, food and personal items necessary for the first operational period (up to 24 hours).
- VII. Firefighters on deployment must meet minimum PPE, training and performance capabilities related to type of deployment and assignments (Certified NFPA Firefighter 1, NWCG FFT2 Wildland Firefighter with annual refresher). Crews are also trained and familiar with structure triage, preparation, and protection using hit-and-run tactics. NWCG S-215 training preferred.
- VIII. Company Officers/Apparatus Operators on deployment must meet minimum PPE, training and performance capabilities related to type of deployment and assignments (crew leadership, decision-making, water supply operations, etc.). Certified DPSST Fire Ground Leader, NWCG Engine Boss, and NFPA Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump.
- IX. Apparatus must be equipped with the minimum tools, hose, water and pump capacity required for type of deployment, and as outlined in the OSFM State Mobilization Plan. (Structure Fires: fully equipped structure engine with SCBA; Wildland/Interface Fires: hose lay configurations capable of progressive perimeter control, rapid structure protection, and adequate assortment of fire line construction/mop-up tools, with extra 1 ½" & 1" hose and appliances.

Agency participants understand and agree that deployments are deemed as mutual aid assistance within the Rogue Valley area, and that compensation should not be expected.

**New team members will use this as a guiding document for inclusion. Consideration is requested in writing to the County Fire Defense Board Chief. Initial assignments may be on make-up teams.*

LEAD AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

- I. Organize and pre-plan the activation of assigned task forces and strike teams.
- II. Maintain a current list and assign task force and strike team leaders as needed.
- III. Provide for rotation of crews on extended emergencies in conjunction with incident command requests.
- IV. Provide for the proper level of training for responding members and dispatchers.

TEAM LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

- I. Leader shall have the necessary qualification and experience applicable to any all-hazard incident to effectively direct the activities and ensure safety of the team.
- II. Leader shall respond in command vehicle. Radio communications capability shall include current RVFCA Radio Frequency Programming and cellular phone.
- III. Confirm all personnel and apparatus assigned to the task force or strike team are properly equipped.
- IV. Maintain all necessary ICS forms appropriate for the incident, and records team activity as required.
- V. Brief all crews on team procedures and safety standards.
- VI. Maintain a firefighter accountability system throughout the duration of the incident.
- VII. Coordinate movement of task force or strike team units to incident staging (or other location assigned) on the appropriate assigned frequency.
- VIII. Ensure request for the task force or strike team is in accordance to the request made by the IC, including team configuration (what do you want) and code to scene (how fast do you want it).
- IX. Whenever possible, obtain direct phone link between team leader and IC or designee.
- X. Monitor State Fire Net (RV TAC 1) or other frequency as directed for information or assignments from incident command.

INCIDENT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES

- I. Implement the formation of an incident command structure appropriate for the magnitude of the incident and in conjunction with other agencies as necessary. Early activation of the local Incident Management Team (IMT) is essential.
- II. Make all requests for mobile support in accordance with the implementation procedures outlined in this policy.
- III. Provide team leaders with a detailed briefing when deployed or committed to the incident. Whenever possible, advance contact via phone at time of mobilization or while enroute is preferred.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

- I. Incident command may request the activation of one task force or strike team directly through their agency's dispatch center. Subsequent requests shall be made through the appropriate Fire Defense Board Chief.
- II. Request for mobilization resources shall be formatted to conform to the Rogue Valley Mobilization Order Form #5.06
- III. The hosting Dispatch center will transfer the request to the neighboring Dispatch center, who will implement the dispatch procedures.
- IV. The hosting Dispatch center will notify the Fire Defense Board Chief of any activation level.
- V. Mobilized units shall notify their local Dispatch center when enroute to the team marshalling area.
- VI. Team leader shall notify the hosting Dispatch center upon departure from the team marshalling location and indicate estimated time of arrival at the designated incident staging area or other as directed.

FIRE DEFENSE BOARD CHIEF RESPONSIBILITIES

- I. Coordinate and implement the provisions of this policy.
- II. Respond to and assist the local incident commander in the coordination of resources and establishment of an appropriate incident command structure.
- III. Assure local fire service agencies and dispatch centers are prepared for the implementation of this policy.
- IV. Assist dispatch centers in the coordination and tracking of the fire defense district resources.
- V. Maintain fire protection coverage of the appropriate county including coordination with the Office of State Fire Marshal or other required agencies.