

Purpose

To outline the Metro Zone strike team/task force dispatch procedures.

Policy

1. All 'in zone' deployments of strike teams/task forces shall be determined by CAD.
2. The following procedures shall be used for all 'in county' and 'out of county' deployments.
 - The Metro Zone coordinator, the on-duty deputy chief of operations, or assistant chief of emergency operations authorize the dispatching of any Immediate Need or Planned Need strike teams outside of the Metro Zone.
 - Gather information from requesting agency, usually the Operational Area Coordinator
 - Complete the Strike Team Roster
 - Categorize the response according to:
 1. Resource type
 2. Location of incident
 3. Reporting time – immediate need or planned need
 - Select apparatus resources from the Metro Zone Strike Team Deployment Rotation Matrix which is posted on the Metro Zone website. Selection of apparatus resources shall always begin at the top of the list.
 - If an agency's primary apparatus resource is unavailable, their secondary resource should be selected
 - If neither of the agency's apparatus is available or the agency only has one apparatus resource and it is unavailable, the next agency in rotation shall be selected
 - The skipped agency will retain its availability for deployment on subsequent deployments
 - Continue down the list until five apparatus resources are assembled
 - Select STEN/TFLD using the Strike Team/Task Force Leader Rotation Matrix which is posted on the Metro Zone website
 - Contact individual assigned duty coverage and verify leader and trainee response
 - Dispatch response
 - Forward information from Mutual Aid Response Information sheet to STEN/TFLD.
 - Requests for additional strike team/task force deployments follow the same procedures above.

A. Name Request Process

Name requesting personnel is the process of specifically requesting an overhead resource via the Resource Unit Leader (RESL) and Incident Commander (IC) by utilization of the Name Request Justification Order Form for the California Fire and Rescue Master Mutual Aid System. This process should only be done to facilitate the filling of outstanding orders (UTFs) or to help facilitate "Trainee" experience. It should be the exception and not the norm. Care should be taken to not abuse or overuse this process and in delivery of making a request.

The following will represent approved times to name request an overhead resource.

- Rostered or Trainee member of an incident management team

- Top name of the position specific emergency resource directory (ERD) list
 - Qualified
 - Trainee
- Top name of the position specific ERD list willing to accept the assignment