

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, on a local/regional level only.

POLICY

It is the intent of the Rogue Valley Fire Chief's 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.
- III. Review this plan on a regular 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 at an identified marshalling area will be at discretion of the designated leader.
- III. **Respond** - Immediate response (**code 1 or 3**) to the scene, or designated team marshalling area (or other as directed by the 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 leader.
 - b) Response mode for tenders will always be code 1.

TASK FORCE / STRIKE TEAM CONFIGURATIONS

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, 2, & 3 engines and ladder response is 3 personnel. However, it is understood that minimum staffing of 2 is possible. On specialty units such as type 6, tenders, rescues, etc. the preferred minimum staffing level is 2 personnel. However, it is understood that minimum staffing of 1 is possible on tenders. Leaders should also respond with an assistant/trainee whenever possible. In the event an agency responds with less than the preferred minimum staff, that agency should make an honest attempt to fill the missing position within the first operational period.

Task Force:

- One (1) command vehicle with a leader and assistant/trainee.
- Two (2) type 3 engines (min. 2 persons per engine).
- Two (2) type 6 engines (min. 2 persons per engine).
- One (1) water tender (min. 1 persons per tender).

Strike Team:

Strike Team (Type 1)

- One (1) command vehicle with a leader and assistant/trainee.
- Five (5) type 1 engines (min. 2 persons per engine).

Strike Team (Type 3)

- One (1) command vehicle with a leader and assistant/trainee.
- Five (5) type 2 or 3 engines (min. 2 persons per engine).
- One (1) 1500-gallon capacity (min.) tender (min.1 person per tender)

Strike Team (Type 6)

- One (1) command vehicle with a leader and assistant/trainee.
- Five (5) type 6 engines (min. 2 persons per engine).
- One (1) 1500-gallon capacity (min.) tender (min.1 person per tender)

Strike Team (Tender)

One (1) command vehicle with a leader and assistant/trainee.

Four (4) 1500-gallon capacity (min.) tenders (min.1 person per tender).

Make-Up Teams

The need for additional task forces or strike teams, between the deployment of RV1 or RV2 but before the mobilization of an OSFM Immediate Response or greater, shall be at the discretion of the Fire Defense Board Chief and participating fire chiefs capable of providing additional resources. Call sign for make-up teams historically identified as “RV3” and “RV4”.

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 Chief's Association (RVFCA) Mutual Aid Agreement.
- II. Can 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 task force/strike team configuration requested and with the minimum number of personnel indicated. Equivalent apparatus of the same type may be substituted.
- V. Can adequately back-fill staffing in their home district for the duration of deployment of the task force/strike team.
- 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 the type of deployment and assignments (training to the level of NFPA Firefighter 1, NWCG FFT2 Wildland Firefighter with annual refresher). Crews are also trained and familiar with structure triage, preparation, and protection using bump-and-run tactics. NWCG S-215 training preferred.

- VIII. Company Officers/Apparatus Operators assigned to a type 1, 2 or 3 engine on deployment must meet the minimum PPE, training and performance capabilities related to the type of deployment and assignments (training to the level of NFPA Fire Officer 1, NWCG Engine Boss, and NFPA Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump preferred, for the tasks associated with crew leadership, decision-making, water supply operations, etc.).
- IX. Company Officers/Apparatus Operators assigned to a type 6 engine or water tender on deployment must meet the minimum PPE, training and performance capabilities related to the type of deployment and assignments (training to the level of NWCG Engine Boss, NFPA Wildland Fire Apparatus and NFPA Mobile Water Supply preferred, for the tasks associated with crew leadership, decision-making, water supply operations, etc.).
- X. Apparatus must be equipped with the minimum tools, hose, water and pump capacity required for the type of apparatus and the type of deployment, as outlined in the current OSFM State Mobilization Plan.

Agency participants understand and agree that deployments are deemed as mutual aid assistance within the Rogue Valley (Jackson/Josephine counties) 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 process of assigned task forces and strike teams with local dispatch centers.
- II. Maintain a current list and assign task force and strike team leaders as needed.
- III. Provide for the proper level of annual refresher training for responding members and dispatchers.

TASK FORCE/STRIKE TEAM LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

- I. The designated leader shall have the necessary qualification and experience applicable to any all-hazard incident to effectively direct the activities and ensure the safety of the team.
- II. The leader shall respond in a 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 and trained.
- IV. Maintain all necessary ICS forms appropriate for the incident, and records team activities 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 that the request for the task force or strike team is in accordance with 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 the leader and IC, or their designee.
- X. Monitor State Fire Net (RV TAC 1), or other frequency as directed, for information or assignments from the incident command.
- XI. Provide for rotation of crews on extended emergencies in conjunction with incident command requests.

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, up to and including coordination with the Fire Defense Board Chief (FDBC) and Regional Mobilization Coordinator (RMC) for Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System (OFMAS) resources.
- III. Provide the designated leaders with a detailed briefing when deployed or committed to the incident. Whenever possible, direct contact via phone at the time of mobilization or while enroute is preferred.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

- I. Incident command may request the activation of one task force or strike team (RV1 or RV2) directly through their agency's dispatch center. Subsequent requests shall be made through the appropriate Fire Defense Board Chief (see Make-Up Teams).
- II. Request for mobilization resources shall be formatted to conform in accordance with current ordering procedures.
- 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 marshalling location.
- VI. The leader shall notify the hosting dispatch center upon departure from the marshalling location and indicate estimated time of arrival at the designated incident staging area or other location 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 Department of State Fire Marshal or other required agencies.