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9-1-1 FIRE
POLICE
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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS FIRE SERVICE POLICY

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SUBJECT: AUTOMATIC AID

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Automatic aid is an agreement where more than one agency responds to an incident. The agency with jurisdiction maintains command responsibilities.

CAD may indicate automatic aid agreements. Dispatch all agencies simultaneously.

Mutual Threat Zone

During declared fire season, notify CDF of all wild land fires in mutual threat zones.

Make the notification either during or immediately following the initial dispatch. The CDF Command Center will provide the amount, type and home station of the equipment they are dispatching. Responding CDF units will be assigned to a mutual tactical frequency. If the fire is within a local fire agency's jurisdiction, normally a unified incident command will be established. The Incident Commanders will determine the Communication Center of jurisdiction.

The CDF Command Center will also advise NetCom if CDF response will be delayed. Notify the local fire agency of CDF's status as time and radio traffic allow.