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**9-1-1** FIRE  
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## COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS FIRE SERVICE POLICY

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**SUBJECT: AIR RESCUE**

An air rescue may be necessary to reach victims that are inaccessible by land. The Incident Commander is the only authorized requestor of air rescue.

Upon the IC's request for air rescue resources, contact the appropriate provider. Relay the request for air rescue resources with as much detail regarding the incident as possible.

Details should include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Specific needs of victim
  - rescue
  - rescue/medical
  - medical (if medical only, no rescue, refer to Section 6000, Operations Policies and Procedures, Emergency Medical Service)
- ◆ Number of victims and condition, if known
- ◆ Exact location, description and identification of the helicopter landing zone
- ◆ Geographical conditions
  - forest
  - cleared areas
  - canyons
  - water
  - latitude and longitude, if known

- ♦ Weather problems, if any
  - fog
  - wind
  
- ♦ Unusual hazards, if any
  - power lines
  - wildland fire
  
- ♦ Assigned tactical frequency for ground/air communication

### Cancellation of Air Rescue

The Incident Commander has the authority to cancel a field requested air rescue.

The Coast Guard Air Station - Monterey may cancel or refuse an air rescue because of hazardous conditions. The helicopter pilot has final authority to continue or cancel an air rescue if there is any question about the safety of a mission.