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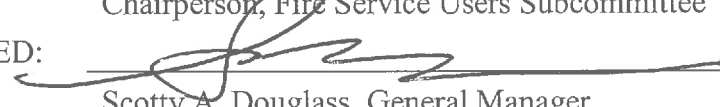
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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS FIRE SERVICE POLICY

Policy No. 5385	Date Issued: March 1, 1999
Section: 5300 – Radio Procedures	Date Revised: July 13, 2009
Accreditation Standards: None	
SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF COMMAND NET FOR INCIDENTS INVOLVING CAL FIRE	
APPROVED: 	_____
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CAL FIRE Jurisdiction Incidents

When CAL FIRE requests assistance from a fire agency served by NetCom, dispatchers will request identification of the appropriate Command Net and Tactical Channel from CAL FIRE and include that in their dispatch broadcast

NetCom Jurisdiction Incidents within SRA

For wildland responses within NetCom agency's jurisdiction that are in the SRA, CAD will recommend a NetCom command channel and a CAL FIRE tactical channel. Responding units will remain on the NetCom command channel until they arrive on scene, then switch to the tactical channel. The initial size-up will be given on the NetCom Command channel. NetCom will repeat the size-up on the radio, log it into CAD, and update CAL FIRE dispatchers. The Incident Commander may order immediate need resources via the NetCom command channel. Resources dispatched after the initial broadcast will be communicated to CAL FIRE dispatchers by NetCom dispatchers. Once on scene, the Command channel will switch to a CAL FIRE command channel and all resource requests shall go through CAL FIRE.

If CAL FIRE units are responding into a NetCom controlled jurisdiction for a wildland response, they will utilize CZU Local or other Command channel assigned by CAL FIRE. And remain on that channel until they arrive on scene, then switch to the tactical channel.

NetCom Jurisdiction Incidents NOT within SRA

For responses within a local government jurisdiction (LRA) that require CAL FIRE's assistance, CAL FIRE resources will be dispatched on CAL FIRE local and remain on their command channel until they arrive on scene.

Consistent with Policy No. 5330 (Standard Dispatch Format), the Command Net assignment will be identified in the standard dispatch format.

Should responding units not acknowledge the Command Net assignment, dispatchers will confirm the Command Net assignment when the units advise they are en route. When units are released from the incident, units will advise dispatchers on Fire Red they are clear of the incident and back on the Fire Red radio channel.

Once the units have acknowledged the incident, they shall remain on the assigned Command channel and work with the appropriate dispatch center until the incident is clear. Dispatch personnel will not attempt to raise units that have been assigned a Command channel being controlled by another dispatch center. If communications are necessary, the dispatch center of jurisdiction shall be notified and complete the communication.