FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

ARTICLE: II SOP: 2400

SECTION: 2400 Response Procedures

SUBJECT: Strike Team Responses

PURPOSE: To provide a uniform mutual aid plan for the most effective mobilization and utilization of fire fighting resources within and outside of Santa Cruz County. Felton Fire District follows the Santa Cruz County Fire Chief’s Association policies regarding these responses.

SCOPE: All personnel. Regarding the sending of Felton Fire District apparatus on a Strike Team assignment

PROCEDURE:

1. SOP # 2407 includes the Santa Cruz County Fire Chief’s Association policies. Specifically reference policy #’s 3103, 3104, 3105, 3106, 3107, 3108, 3109, 3111, 3112, 3113 and 3114.
2. Staffing: An engine leaving Felton Fire station will have an officer, engineer and 1 or 2 fire fighters for all Strike Team requests. If a crew is not available the request will be turned down. Notification to the dispatch center that we are not able to respond should occur as soon as possible so that another agency may be paged.
3. The number of personnel responding on a Strike Team is generally 4. Depending on the assignment, the number of personnel is subject to change. This information will be available at dispatch and can be confirmed by calling the dispatch center.
4. Apparatus responding depends on the request. Example: if a Type 1 strike team is requested, then a Type 1 engine responds.
5. Duration and Relief Crew: A Strike Team assignment may last a few hours, days or several weeks. Relief crew transportation might occur after the initial crew has been on site for seven or more days. If a fire fighter must return home before the engine is released from the incident, arraignments can be made to send a fire fighter to replace the one needing to return. All fire fighters considering going on a Strike Team should plan ahead with the knowledge they could be away for several days or weeks.

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