FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

ARTICLE: II SOP: 2501

SECTION: 2500 MUTUAL/AUTOMATIC AID

SUBJECT: Automatic Aid Plan

PURPOSE: To provide and receive Mutual and Automatic Aid to and from other fire agencies as required in Felton Fire Protection District.

SCOPE: All personnel.

PROCEDURE:

1. Automatic Aid Plan is defined as a reciprocal agreement to send and receive fire resources and staffing to mitigate incidents beyond the abilities of the local fire agency.
2. Automatic Aid is determined prior to dispatch. The required resources will be identified and arranged in the dispatch computer. When a call is dispatched the host agency and automatic aid agency resources will be dispatched as dictated in the prearranged agreement. This occurs on the initial dispatch. It is not a request that must be made, since it is predetermined and a part of the dispatch plan.
3. The 4 SLV Fire Districts have recognized the need for automatic aid for certain types of emergencies, namely structure and brush fire. Based on the location of the incident with the fire district, the closest neighboring fire agency will be dispatched to provide automatic aid to Felton Fire and vice versa, Felton Fire is dispatched to provide automatic aid to our neighboring fire agencies.
4. Felton Fire District has a written Automatic Aid Agreement with Cal Fire/Santa Cruz County Fire. This agreement is brief, dispatches FFPD resources to calls in the County Fire service area (Hwy 9 south of Felton and Felton Empire Rd). County Fire/Cal Fire provides the opportunity to use their fuel tanks at the Felton shop for fueling Felton apparatus. Cal Fire maintains and operates the fuel tanks and pumps and Felton Fire purchases the fuel used.

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