

FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

ARTICLE: II

SOP: 2901

SECTION: 2900

LARGE ANIMAL RESCUE

SUBJECT: RESPONSE OUT OF DISTRICT/MUTUAL AID

PURPOSE: To provide all District personnel with an understanding of protocol and procedures relating to out of district requests/responses for the large animal rescue team.

SCOPE: All personnel will be familiar with and abide by the following guidelines.

PROCEDURE:

1. Mutual and Automatic Aid is covered in this Standard Operating Procedure Manual. Please see Article II, Section 2500, SOP #'s 2500, 2501, and 2502.
2. Mutual and Automatic Aid is further detailed in the Santa Cruz County Operational Area Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan. There is a copy of this plan in the Fire Chief's office.
3. It is the intent of the Felton Fire Protection District to provide Mutual Aid assistance to all fire agencies throughout the County of Santa Cruz. Requests for this assistance **MUST** come from the Incident Commander of the Fire Agency where the Large Animal Rescue incident is taking place. For example: A rescue request in Aptos must come from the Aptos/La Selva Fire District Incident Commander. The Aptos/La Selva Incident Commander can request Felton's Large Animal Rescue team via NETCOM.
4. For incidents outside the County of Santa Cruz, it is the intent of the Felton Fire Protection District to respond to adjacent Counties. Those Counties being Monterey, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and San Benito. These requests **MUST** follow proper Mutual Aid protocols. Example, the requesting Monterey County Fire Agency shall make a request through the Monterey County Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator (AFRCO). That AFRCO then contacts the Santa Cruz County AFRCO to make the request.
5. Large Animal Rescue requests from adjacent counties may best be served with no response. Travel time to an adjacent county could take an hour, two hours or more. Felton's Large Animal Rescue team has served fire agencies from adjacent counties with assistance over the telephone. Suggestions, ideas and solutions can

be given by telephone. There is a record of success in handling rescues in this manner. A phone call should be placed to the adjacent county fire agency prior to leaving the station.

6. For incidents not involving a Fire District, such as, a veterinarian requests assistance to raise an animal, Felton Fire Protection District **MUST** contact the Fire Agency where the incident is located. That fire agency has the option to render assistance themselves, or grant permission for the Felton Large Animal Rescue team to enter their response area to handle the incident.