

Emergency Operations

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7.01 Purpose

To establish guidelines that will provide the fireground commander and personnel with a safe and effective way of handling fires involving forest, brush and/or ground cover.

7.02 Policy

In the event of a forest, brush and/or ground cover fire the following guidelines have been established

7.03 Procedure

- a. Report on conditions.
 1. Determine actual location of fire and size
 2. Determine direction and characteristic of fire travel.
 3. Type of fuel burning (light grass, heavy brush).
 4. Exposures
- b. Request additional equipment (boosters, bulldozer, engine companies, manpower).
- c. Determine action plan based on priorities and resources available.

7.04 Safety

- a. All employees and members shall wear necessary protective clothing in accordance with the hazard.
- b. Safety Rules for operating vehicles “Off Road”
 1. Have a means of escape should your position be overrun.
 2. Avoid commitment of units to narrow roads/trails in heavy brush (leave yourself a way to get out).
 3. Be aware that vehicles could become stuck in off road conditions
 4. Before taking a unit “off road”, you must know location and direction of fire travel.
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