

**EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE**

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**ARTICLE 3: EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: 06-01-1993**

**SECTION 9: CHIEF OFFICER RESPONSE**

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3.9.1 **PURPOSE:** The stated purpose of this policy is to provide the timeliest, safest and most efficient response of overhead personnel to incidents within our jurisdiction. With this purpose in mind, the following procedure shall exist.

**3.9.2 PROCEDURE:**

3.9.2.1 INITIAL RESPONSE

The Duty Battalion Chief who has the Chief officer coverage will initiate the appropriate response to the incident as the "Duty Chief Officer."

Other Chief officer's who may be in better positions to respond to the incident shall, after check-back from the ECC is complete, advise the Duty Chief Officer of their location and availability. This notification may be done on either primary radio frequencies or by cellular telephone.

When advised of additional Chief officer availability, the closer Chief Officer shall state over the Command Frequency to the ECC which Chief officer will be responding. (Example, Camino Battalion 7702 will be responding in place of Battalion 7703.)

This policy in no way effects the ability of Chief officers, from exercising the right to assume command of any incident. However, all command assumption shall be done "face to face" and transmitted over the Command Frequency to the ECC.

3.9.2.2 COVER ASSIGNMENTS

When multiple incidents requiring Chief officer response occur, it may become necessary to make District coverage assignments. District cover assignments should be made, whenever practical.

At the time of the request, all pertinent information regarding the assignment should be given either via radio through the ECC or by landline.

Chief officers assigned to District coverage shall remain in their cover assignments until released.

In cases when off duty Chief officers do not have District vehicles are called for cover assignments, they shall respond to Station 21 to pick up a vehicle prior to assuming their assignment.