

El Dorado County Fire Protection District

Standard Operating Guidelines

Article 2: ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
Section 33: Strike Team Deployment

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2.33.1 Purpose

To establish a procedure for assigning personnel to a strike team assignment

2.33.2 Policy

Strike team assignments shall be assigned through a standardized process in accordance to this standard operating guideline and the Districts operational needs.

2.33.3 Definitions

For the purpose of this SOG the following definitions are in place:

Captain: Fire Captain

Captive Audience: Firefighter or captain on normal duty, additional time, additional time mandatory or trade working.

Firefighter: Firefighter EMT and/or Firefighter Paramedic

Fire Season: May through November; in accordance to CalFire's summer and winter preparedness schedule.

Initial Attack: The request is for the closest resource from surrounding operational areas with a 5 to 10-minute maximum staff up time from receipt of the request.

Immediate Need: Upon receipt of the request, there is a 30-minute maximum staff up time from dispatch time to on the road.

Planned Need: Region requests resources that are scheduled to arrive at an incident at a specific time. Staff up time from dispatch time to on the road will be coordinated to arrive at the incident at the time requested. Operational areas agree to a one (1) hour maximum staff up time from the time of receipt of the request.

Strike Team Availability: Personnel who are voluntarily available for strike team/Task Force assignments or backfill
Backfill Only: Personnel who sign up as available for backfill coverage, but not available for Strike Team/Task Force Assignments

2.33.4 Procedure

Each shift shall maintain a Strike Team Availability list, monitored and updated by the Station 72 Captains'. Personnel on their assigned shift will forward their availability status to the Station 72 Captain, to keep a current and accurate list of personnel for strike team assignments. List will be submitted to the 72 Captain with the same schedule as timesheets.

The list shall be initially created based on seniority. Every two (2) weeks the list will rotate forward one position; placing the senior spot to the bottom of the list.

Personnel who add their name to the list following the inception of the list will be placed at the bottom.

Personnel will have the option to be placed on the "backfill" only list or be placed on the "ST" list. Once you place yourself as "available," you will be recognized as an available resource for backfill if you are not up for deployment.

For Initial Attack requests, response will be immediate with the dispatched unit(s). Any personnel movement must be within the station and shall not delay response.

Immediate Need responses will be filled with the on-duty shift personnel and strike team availability list.

Consideration must be given to personnel location and response timeframes. Personnel up for deployment

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who are on shift will have the opportunity to get their shift covered by a name off the “backfill” list if the switch does not delay the response.

For Planned Need responses, with reporting times greater than 1 hour, the Station 72 Captain in conjunction with the Duty Chief shall utilize the previous shift Strike Team Availability list to staff equipment assigned to strike team.

For initial attack and immediate need responses, backfill will first be attempted using the previous shift Strike Team availability list.

For planned need responses, employee’s deployment status will not be affected based on overtime or trade hours already assigned in Telestaff.

Employees who sign up as “available” and decline 1 offer will be rotated to the bottom of the list.

Examples:

Initial Attack Strike Team request:

The request occurs on A shift, duty crews on the requested apparatus respond as dispatched. The Duty Chief and/or his designee will utilize the C shift availability list to backfill apparatus.

Immediate Need Strike Team request:

The request occurs on B shift, the Duty Chief and/or his designee will utilize the B shift availability list to staff the requested apparatus, meeting the response time requested. The A shift list will be utilized to backfill apparatus.

Planned Need Strike Team request:

The request occurs on C shift, the Duty Chief and/or his designee will utilize the B shift to staff the requested apparatus. C shift staffing should not be impacted.

Responses to all requests should be provided within the requested timeframes, apparatus should not be delayed due to extended travel times or crews committed to assignments.

The District may adjust the Strike Team lists for operational needs.