

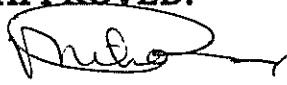
SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES	ARTICLE: II	SOP: 2402
	SECTION: 2400	RESPONSE PROCEDURES
	SUBJECT: MUTUAL AID RESPONSES	

Purpose: To provide for a uniform mutual aid response plan for the most effective utilization of firefighting resources within the district.

Scope: The sending of Scotts Valley Fire Protection District apparatus and equipment on mutual aid requests will be done by authority of the shift captain or the duty chief as a result of a official request or *Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)* recommendation.

Procedure:


1. Response
 - A. District resources will be dispatched to mutual aid incidents either by direct request from the incident commander, zone coordinator, or as a result of CAD.
 - B. Requests for mutual aid shall be filled at all times whenever possible. If the district is unable to respond to a mutual aid request, or will be delayed in its response, the officer in charge will immediately advise dispatch.
 - C. No more than a single engine or fire apparatus will respond on any one mutual aid incident without clearance from the duty chief.
 - D. At no time, will the company officer send apparatus and staffing out of the district on mutual aid incidents without first assuring adequate coverage of this district.
 - E. Responses to *initial attack/immediate need* incidents will be a Code 3 response unless otherwise specified by the requesting agency.
 - F. Other requests for mutual aid will be a Code 2 response unless otherwise specified by the requesting agency.

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- G. Staffing of mutual aid units will consist of three (3) career firefighters (captain or acting captain, driver/operator, and firefighter).

Exception: When responding to mutual aid with water tender 2550, two (2) career firefighters shall be sent.

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