



Standard Operating Guideline

Wildland



Scope: Sacramento Regional Fire Departments

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References

Current participating Sacramento Regional Fire Department resource packages and staffing models, and the below references were used to construct this guideline.

- FIRESCOPE. Field Operations Guide. 2022
- Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)
- National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)
- Wildland Urban Interface Operating Principles 2014

01. Guideline

To provide guidance for operating at vegetation fires in open land and wildland urban interface areas.

02. Definition

Terminology used within this SOG shall be consistent with the glossary of wildland fire terminology used by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), except as defined herein.

03. Resources

3.1 Response package variables:

- Time of year
- Red flag

- Location
- Agency

04. Procedure:

4.1 Initial Radio Report/Size up

The first arriving resource activates the command process by giving an initial radio report

- Confirm/update fire location
- Fire size, fuel type, rate of spread, potential
- Structure threat, life hazards, special hazards
- Initiate actions based on incident priorities
- Request additional resources as needed
- Identify access points for incoming resources

4.2 First Engine

Provide initial radio report and communicate initial actions based on incident priorities. Identify access points, establish anchor point, and orient the fire (i.e., left flank, right flank).

4.2.1 Mode of Attack

- Direct (mobile attack, progressive hose lay)
- Tandem, flanking, pincer, envelopment, hot spotting
- Indirect (handline construction, Firing operations)
- Firing operations require a firing plan and IC approval (See Appendix B)
- Structure defense (See Appendix A)

4.2.2 Considerations

- Identify boundaries (“box it”)
- Evacuations
- Access points for specific apparatus
- Water supply
- Resource ordering
- Staging locations

4.3 Additional Resources

Shall be assigned by the incident commander

4.4 First Chief Officer- First Alarm

The Battalion Chief should assume or establish Command

- Command post location should be located in a safe area
- Location should be announced on the tactical channel and to fire dispatch
- Identify and communicate incident priorities and strategy establish divisions and groups as needed
- Request command channel and additional tac channels as needed.
- Utilize Tablet Command for incident accountability and tracking

4.4.1 Considerations

- Identify boundaries (“box it”)
- Evacuations
- Access points for specific apparatus
- Water supply
- Structure defense
- Order additional resources, number of apparatuses needed
- Type and kind (e.g., pump and roll, water tender, helicopter, dozer) based on specific needs
- Consider apparatus size restrictions, e.g., bike trail, bridge, etc.
- Law enforcement (road closures and/or evacuations)
- Staging locations

4.5. Communications in State Responsibility Area (SRA)

VHF frequencies will be utilized in place of 800 mhz frequencies when:

- The incident is in SRA
- The incident is outside Sacramento County
- As needed to maintain common communications
- Arrive on scene with SRFECC 800 mhz then switch to the assigned VHF tactical command and air-to-ground frequencies. Examples include AEU Local for command and V-fire 25 for tactical frequencies.
- All additional resources shall be ordered through unified command and a single ordering point. That single ordering point shall be the identified Cal Fire Emergency Communications Center.
- For vegetation fires, the assigned Air to Ground frequency should be monitored by ground resources assigned to the incident. The frequency use is normally restricted to incident Commander and/or Division Supervisor. Individuals, crews, engines, and dozers needing air support place their request with incident Commander, Division Supervisor or other appropriate line officer on the assigned tactical channel.

Appendix A

Structure Defense Category	Tactical Actions
<p>Not Threatened</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety zone and TRA are present and construction features of defensible space make it unlikely that the structure will ignite during initial fire front contact. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep and Defend Tactical Patrol
<p>Threatened Defensible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety zone and TRA are present and construction features, lack of defensible space, or other challenges requires firefighters to implement structure protection tactics during fire front contact. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep and Defend Bump and Run Anchor and Hold Tactical Patrol
<p>Threatened Non-Defensible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Either there is no Safety Zone or TRA present and/or the structure has challenges that do not allow firefighters to safely commit to stay and protect the structure during fire front contact. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check and Go Prep and Go Fire Front Following Tactical Patrol

Appendix B

Firing Operations

For firing operations, the following controls must be in place:

- IC approval
- Start point
- End point
- Firing
- Holding
- Contingency
- Test fire
- Firing boss/agency qualified

The authority to conduct firing operations shall be in accordance with the following:

- Public Resource Code Section 4426
- Health and Safety Code Section 41801 and 13055
- Written Delegation of Authority from the Agency Administrator as part of the County Operational Area Plan

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