



KING COUNTY FIRE RESOURCE PLAN

Section 3 – Guidelines and Rules of Operation

INCIDENT COMMAND

All participating Agencies shall use the National Incident Management System (NIMS) incorporating the King County Passport Accountability System on Operational Incidents.

NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR RESPONDING UNITS

After a Zone has assembled a Task Force or Strike Team response, the Team Leader shall re-number the units as follows:

Zone 1 = Prefix 10 (Eng 5 = Eng 10-05)

Zone 3 = Prefix 30 (Eng 31 = Eng 30-31)

Zone 5 = Prefix 50 (Ladder 3 = Ladder 50-03)

Re-numbered units will remain operational until they return to the Demobilization Point.

RESPONSES INTO ANOTHER ZONE

Emergency Incident Operations

Zone teams assigned to Incident Operations will report to the Incident Base unless otherwise directed prior to arrival.

Insofar as possible, the Units will be kept together and under the control of the Team Leader. Individual companies, or units, shall not be split up.

Fire Units committed to hazardous or potentially hazardous environments shall have direct radio capabilities with the Division/Group Supervisor to which they have been assigned.

It is recognized that keeping EMS units together is not practical and their use assignment will be at the discretion of the Incident Commander.

Fill in Assignments

If utilized as a fill in assignment, the following guidelines will be utilized:

The Task Force or Strike Teams will be sent to a single station in the requesting zone. A representative from the host jurisdiction will be assigned as a guide whenever possible.

Task Force or Strike Teams may be split up for fill purposes under the following rules:

1. Pair a single Unit with an in-service Unit from the Host Zone and have them respond together.
2. If a single Unit has its own communication capability directly with the Host Zone Communication Center, then it may operate independently as long as a rider from the Host Zone is provided.
3. Intended move-up will be for fill-in for up to 4 hours.

Task Force/Strike Team Leader

Team Leader for Task Force/Strike Teams shall be a Battalion Chief or higher ranking officer with the appropriate training (See KC approved Strike Team Task Force lesson plan).

A Medical Supervising Officer (MSO) shall be dispatched (in addition to a Strike Team Leader) for all Advanced Life Support Strike Team responses.