



# Central Zone Operations

Alpine - Barona - El Cajon - Lakeside - La Mesa - Lemon Grove  
San Miguel - Santee - Sycuan - Viejas  
Bonita - Heartland Dispatch

## A-18 Strike Team Leader Rotation

### PURPOSE:

To outline the process for selection of Strike Team Leaders (STEN) and Strike Team Leader Trainees (STEN-T) within the Central Zone.

### Strike Team Leader Rotation:

- When a Strike Team from Central Zone is requested **RATED CHIEF OFFICERS** that are currently STEN certified shall have a rotational list to fill the position as Strike Team Leader. If the first agency that is on the rotation is not able to provide a Chief Officer, the list will rotate to the alternate agency on the list until the request is filled or the list is exhausted.
- If no Rated Chief Officer is available, the list will rotate to **ACTING CHIEF OFFICERS** that are STEN certified and start with the initial agency that is on the top of the rotation list. The list will rotate to the alternate agency on the list until the request is filled or the list is exhausted.
- If no Acting Chief Officer is available, the list will rotate to **COMPANY OFFICERS** that are currently STEN certified. If no Company Officer is available, the Zone Duty Chief shall be immediately notified of the "unable to fill the position" (UTFP).

### Strike Team Trainee Rotation:

Trainees (STEN T) are personnel that have completed necessary training as outlined in the California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) and have a Task book initiated by their respective agency.

Two lists will be utilized to select trainees. The first is a **CHIEF OFFICERS STEN (T)** list, and the second list is a **CAPTAIN STEN (T)** list, both which will rotate by agency.

When a Strike Team from Central Zone is deployed the STL should take a STL Trainee with him/her whenever possible. STL Trainee rotations are listed by category with "**STL CHIEF** Trainee" taking precedence over "**STL CAPTAIN** Trainee".

Current Chief Officers from within the Zone that are STEN Trainees will be given priority to respond to incidents as trainees. ALL agencies on the Chief Officer STEN (T) list will be contacted first for the opportunity to respond on an incident.

If no Chief Officer is available to accept a trainee assignment, only then should the Captain STEN (T) list be utilized. Each Agency shall determine which trainee will be sent. In the event that an Agency does not have an available STEN (T), the opportunity shall go to the next agency in the rotation.

Whenever possible, trainees should be identified prior to the incident occurring. Trainees should notify the STL if they are NOT available during their two-week rotation, according to the STL (T) Rotation matrix. It shall be the policy of the Central Zone that STEN Trainees will be rated Captain or higher.