



CENTRAL ZONE OPERATIONS

ALPINE - BARONA - EL CAJON - LAKESIDE - LA MESA - LEMON GROVE
SAN MIGUEL - SANTEE - SYCUAN - VIEJAS
BONITA - HEARTLAND DISPATCH

D-27.1 MUTUAL THREAT ZONE RESPONSE COMMUNICATION

PURPOSE

The intent of this policy is to set a procedure for establishing communications and ordering resources for vegetation fires within Mutual Threat Zones (MTZ).

DEFINITIONS

MTZ – Mutual Threat Zone
AHJ – Agency Having Jurisdiction
SRA – State Responsibility Area
LRA – Local Responsibility Area
FRA – Federal Responsibility Area

PROCEDURE

Communication center receiving the initial call will determine the agency having jurisdiction (AHJ). Once this determination has been made, a communication plan will be developed.

State Responsibility Area (SRA) Incident

Central Zone units will respond via status messaging. Units will monitor CAD notes and initially assigned command and tactical channels. Once VHF channels are assigned, all responding units will switch to the assigned command, tactical and air-to-ground channels.

- Communications and/or command center sending resources will notify the Monte Vista Incident Command Center that all resources are responding via Fire CC.
- While en route, Heartland will notify responding Central Zone units of any communications plan changes via the initially assigned command channel and CAD notes.
- Once the response location has been determined to be MTZ, units assigned to this incident will be the responsibility of the Monte Vista Incident Command Center (MVICC).
- Unified Command will be set up, with MVICC being the single ordering point for resources.



CENTRAL ZONE OPERATIONS

ALPINE - BARONA - EL CAJON - LAKESIDE - LA MESA - LEMON GROVE
SAN MIGUEL - SANTEE — SYCUAN - VIEJAS
BONITA - HEARTLAND DISPATCH

D-27.1 MUTUAL THREAT ZONE RESPONSE COMMUNICATION

- If a change in command channel is necessary, MVIIC will assign this channel. All responding units will switch to this channel.

Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Incident

- Communications and/or command centers sending resources will notify the AHJ that all resources are responding via Fire CC.
- Units will respond via status messaging, and switch to the assigned command and tactical channels.
- Units assigned to this incident will be the responsibility of the communications and/or command center having jurisdiction. All communications will be handled through this center.
- Unified Command will be set up. The communications and/or command center having jurisdiction will be the single ordering point for resources.

Federal Responsibility Area (FRA) Incident

Central Zone units will respond via status messaging. Units will monitor CAD notes and initially assigned command and tactical channels. Once VHF channels are assigned, all responding units will switch to the assigned command, tactical and air-to-ground channels.

- Communications and/or command center sending resources will notify the Cleveland Dispatch that all resources are responding via Fire CC.
- While en route, Heartland will notify responding Central Zone units of any communications plan changes via the initially assigned command channel and CAD notes.
- Once the response location has been determined to be MTZ, units assigned to this incident will be the responsibility of Cleveland Dispatch.
- Unified Command will be set up, with Cleveland Dispatch being the single ordering point for resources.
- If a change in command channel is necessary, Cleveland Dispatch will assign this channel. All responding units will switch to this channel.