

# Central Joint Fire District

## Standard Operating Procedure



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SUBJECT: Functional Sectors

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**PURPOSE:** The intent of this standard is to provide a frame work upon which ICS can be developed from a functional sector viewpoint.

**SCOPE:** This standard applies to all Department personnel since anyone might find themselves in the role of the IC or Sector Officer.

**ENFORCEMENT:** The IC shall assign sectors as he/she sees fit.

### DEFINITIONS:

**IC** – Incident Commander

**Functional Sector** – Area of responsibility related to task not geographical areas.

**Sector Officer** – Person responsible for a specific function

**Staging** – Area where extra equipment is kept in reserve

**Safety Officer** – Has ultimate responsibility in all areas of safety. Has the authority to terminate unsafe operations.

**Water Supply Sec.** – Provides a concentrated effort directed toward providing a continuous water supply for firefighting operations generally during water shuttle situations.

**Rehabilitation Sec.** – Rehab. Sector will provide a safe place for firefighters to gear down and rest

### APPLICATION:

#### 424A.1 Staging

When the Incident Commander has not defined an assignment for on scene or responding units Staging shall be established. If responsibility is not specifically assigned, the officer of the first unit to arrive in Staging shall assume the function of Staging Officer. The Staging Officer shall be designated as “STAGING” in all radio traffic and shall inform the responding units of staging location.

Resources in Staging shall retain integrity and be available for immediate assignment and deployment.

The Incident commander shall request all on scene resources through Staging Officer and shall specify where and to whom they shall report. The Staging Officer shall keep the Incident Commander advised of resource availability in staging whenever status changes.

When an incident is escalating or has not been stabilized sufficient resources to meet potential incident development should be available in Staging until the incident has been stabilized.

The Incident Commander shall request additional equipment if necessary.

#### 424A.2 Safety Officer

The safety officer is responsible to advise the Incident Commander of existing or potentially unsafe conditions. Monitors condition of personnel, observance of safety procedures and the use of protective equipment. Evaluates structural safety, toxic or explosive conditions, assists in management of any special situations that expose firefighters to hazards. Safety Officer is highly mobile to monitor the entire fire ground. All personnel shall notify the Safety Officer of their departure from the scene.

Designated as “SAFETY” in all radio traffic.

#### 424A.3 Water Supply

Water supply sector provides a concentrated effort directed toward providing a continuous water supply for firefighting operations generally during water shuttle situations. In the event anticipated demand exceeds supply, the water supply officer shall advise the Incident Commander of situation. The Incident Commander will then take appropriate action to correct the situation.

Designated as “WATER SUPPLY” in all radio traffic.

#### 424A.4 Rehabilitation

Fire operations affect the physical condition of firefighters. The rehabilitation sector will provide a safe place for firefighters to gear down and rest.

The rehabilitation officer will provide for refreshments for all operating person on the scene.

Designated as “REHAB” in all radio traffic.