

Central Joint Fire District

Standard Operating Procedure



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SUBJECT: Mass Casualty Incident

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PURPOSE: The following general guidelines will apply to most disasters that are confined to one area.

SCOPE: This standard is a set of guidelines which can be used by an Incident Commander.

ENFORCEMENT: Implementation of this standard rest solely with the Incident commander.

APPLICATION:

An incident that includes large areas of a district or several districts, may require several separate responses or a more complex combined operation.

Upon arrival perform an initial size-up of the situation to include: areas involved, approximate size of area involved, hazards still existing such as fires, explosions, approximate number and severity of injuries. Consider the need for additional resources.

The first arriving officer or senior EMT shall establish command of the incident in accordance with the IC SOP #421 and shall set up a command post. Properly trained officers or personnel should be assigned to over see and direct the following areas as needed.

- EMS Command –
- Triage –
- Transport –
- Field Hospital –
- Staging –

Personnel should begin a systematic sorting of victims according to severity of injuries. Stopping only to treat problems such as severe bleeding, or breathing difficulty that could be rapidly fatal if not treated properly. Triage personnel should work as a team, it is recommended that they be experienced with triage and rapid patient assessment.