CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA

POLICY# 11

TOPIC: XCC PRE-DESIGNATED STRIKE TEAM ROTATION LIST			
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DISPOSITION: Operational Area Policy Manual			

Purpose:

Requests for Strike Teams from our Operational Area indicate that severe or multiple major incidents are occurring in California or elsewhere. Apparatus and personnel need to respond within 30 minutes for Immediate Need requests and within 60 minutes for Planned Need requests. Experience has shown that these time frames are difficult to achieve unless Strike Teams (ST), Strike Team Leaders (STEN), and Strike Team Leader Trainees (STEN (T)) are pre-designated. This Policy has been adopted by the County Chiefs to create a pre-designated ST rotation list in an attempt to comply with Cal EMA response goals and create a fair system of rotation of apparatus and personnel. This Policy applies only to Immediate Need and Planned Need ST requests. Refer to Contra Costa County Operational Area Policy #5 for Initial Attack Strike Team requests.

Policy:

A. Pre-Designated Strike Team Engines

1. Each day a Type I and Type III Engine ST shall be pre-designated.
2. Generally, if an agency has agreed to send Type I and or Type III Engines on Mutual Aid, the assignments will alternate each week between their Type I and Type III Engine.
3. All county Fire Agencies who have agreed to furnish Mutual Aid will have an Engine assigned to the pre-designated ST each week.
4. The pre-designated rotation lists show only the agency, not the specific Engine number. This helps provide flexibility for scheduled maintenance, mechanical failure, etc.
5. The pre-designated ST rotation list will be updated and sent to each county Fire Agency for review and scheduling at the beginning of the calendar year.
6. The pre-designated ST shall be displayed on the Daily SITSTAT.
7. The XCC Pre-Designated ST Rotation List does not pertain to Cal EMA (OES) Engines, only local government Engine commitment.

B. Pre-Designated Strike Team Leader and Strike Team Leader Trainee

1. The XCC Operational Area will use a rotational list to determine qualified STENs and STEN (T)s that are available for immediate response.
2. The list order will be determined using the person's last deployment date as their opportunity factor. The most recent deployment will be at the bottom of the list.
3. Exceptions will be made as follows:
    i. Persons with currency issues
    ii. Chief Officers
    iii. Interim or Long Term Acting BCs
    iv. Company Officers
    v. Retired Annuitants, Contractors, or Hired Back Employees.
4. Each STEN and STEN (T) must be prepared to deploy either a Type 1 or Type 3 Strike Team for a minimum of 7 days.
5. Each day the first 3 available STENs and STEN (T)s shall be identified and listed in the daily SITSTAT report.
6. As requests come in for Strike Teams, they will be filled in list order.
7. It will be the responsibility of each STEN and STEN (T) to properly status themselves prior to 0800 hrs each day. ****See Note 1****
8. It is the responsibility of each person to ensure that the Communication Center has the most current contact info where they can reach you for a deployment. ****See Note 2****
9. If no STEN (T)s are available, a fully qualified STEN should be used.
10. The rotation for the STEN (T) list shall be the same as the STEN List with the following exceptions:
    i. Persons with currency issues
    ii. Chief Officers
    iii. Company Officers
    iv. Additional exceptions may be made to meet the training needs of the Operational Area.
11. STEN and STEN (T) who fail to adhere to this Policy may be removed from Strike Team rotation list.
12. The Operational Area Coordinator or their designee shall maintain the Strike Team rotation list.

Note 1:
As of July 1 2011, you only need to contact the communications center if you need to change your current status. This procedure will be in effect until a Telestaff solution can be implemented. This is expected to occur in the fall of 2011.

Note 2:
Currently any change of contact information can be done by calling or sending an email to the Communications Center. Once Telestaff is implemented you will be responsible for maintaining your own contact information.