

REDWOOD DISPATCH COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY STANDARD OPERATING POLICY

FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE (FITF)


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36.0 FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE (FITF)

36.1 Each participating agency in its day-to-day mutual aid agreements will work directly with neighboring agencies for routine help. Any assistance required that is beyond the capabilities of the neighboring departments shall be requested using the following procedures. A record of each call-out request shall be provided to the FITF Coordinator.

36.2 Member Departments

36.2.1 The agency requesting the call-out shall provide an Investigator of Record (IOR).

36.2.2 The requesting agency may request an investigator(s) through one of two methods via REDCOM.

- Request to send a group alpha message to the SOCO_FITF page group with the pertinent call back and contact information of the requester.
- Specifically request HM29 to contact the IOR and provide a contact number and REDCOM will tone and verbalize the information to HM29.

36.2.3 Unless extenuating circumstances exist (Fatality, Confirmed Arson or Chain of Custody), request for the FITF shall not occur between 1700 and 0800 hours.

36.2.4 The agency making the call-out request shall make every effort to contact members of the FITF in their geographic area, and working out from there.

36.2.5 In keeping with the intent of the organization, the agency making the request shall consider using Trainees whenever possible.

36.3 Non-Member Departments

36.3.1 Volunteer Fire Companies

36.3.1.1 The Fire Chief or Incident Commander shall notify the County Fire On-Call Officer via REDCOM.

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36.3.1.2 The County Fire On-Call Officer after consulting with the Fire Chief or Incident Commander may call out the FITF utilizing the procedure in section 36.2. County Fire shall serve as the Investigator of record.

36.3.2 Fire Districts

36.3.2.1 The Fire Chief or Incident Commander shall request that a California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Investigator prior to requesting the FITF.

36.3.2.2 The CAL FIRE investigator, after consultation with the Fire Chief or Incident Commander may call out the FITF utilizing the procedure in section 36.2. The requesting agency shall provide an Investigator of Record or utilize the CAL FIRE Investigator in this capacity.

36.4 The Fire Agency who has jurisdiction over the Incident shall maintain scene security until the FITF arrives.