

# REDWOOD DISPATCH COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY

## STANDARD OPERATING POLICY

STORM AND DISASTER PROCEDURES


Policy 40


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### 40.0 STORM AND DISASTER PROCEDURES

- 40.1 In the event of major storm activity or in a disaster situation, any member jurisdiction may choose to implement self-dispatching procedures through an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) or through other means such as out of a fire station.
- 40.1.1 The decision to implement self-dispatch procedures shall be that of the duty officer of the jurisdictional agency.
- 40.1.1.1 The REDCOM on-duty Supervisor and the REDCOM Duty Officer shall be notified of an agency's decision to self-dispatch.
- 40.1.1.2 Once an agency has initiated self-dispatch procedures, that agency assumes responsibility for coordinating all responses within their jurisdiction. REDCOM will forward all calls for that jurisdiction to that agency.
- 40.1.1.3 A self-dispatch agency must monitor the REDCOM channel and, if possible, an alternate communications link shall be established between REDCOM and the self-dispatching agency.
- 40.1.1.4 An agency engaging in self-dispatch is responsible to track all resources and incident data for their agency during the time that they are self-dispatching. At the conclusion of the event, incident data should be provided to REDCOM to be entered into CAD.
- 40.2 During storm or disaster situations, the REDCOM **Supervisor** is provided the authority to **modify** the dispatch of non-emergency calls for any member agency, in order to provide for effective resource utilization throughout Sonoma County. Such decisions should be communicated to the duty officer of affected agencies immediately.
- 40.3 REDCOM member agencies shall operate on their regularly assigned Control and Tactical Channels during storm and disaster situations (In accordance with REDCOM Standard Operating Policy #5.0.)