

Incident Response Policy

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Different than our existing policies

- Standard policy – what you will do and how you will do it
- Will explain **why** we do, **what** we do, and **how** we do it.
- This policy will also give you options to fit the policy to the situation you encounter

Overview of architecture and intent

- Need for updating of Safe Structural Policy to better suit MCFRS
- Need to update and incorporate other policies so they don't conflict each other.
- Delete old DFRS policies and create new MCFRS policy
- Remove several FCGO's and Directives

Overview of Intent

- Need to update Safe Structural Firefighting
- Need to update and consolidate *FRC* and *DFRS* policies, directives and FCGO's
 - Limit conflicting direction
 - Personnel only have to look in one place
 - New MCFRS policies will apply to all personnel
- Remove several FCGO's and Directives
- Will limit the number of future FCGO's that modify policy

Overview of Architecture

- The POLICY will give overall guidance:
 - Risk, philosophy, principles, and decision making when operating outside of SOP (Doctrine/Policy Statement)
 - Appendixes (Appendices) for specific incident types (Heavy Rail, High-Rise, etc)
 - Appendixes can be modified individually (with normal N&O process)

How and Why?

- Two DOC groups ago - started the process and laid out the frame work.
- Last DOC group – took the vision and interviewed the Fire Chief and OPS Chief for input and direction.
- Built the body of the policy and several appendixes
- Ability to modify appendices individually(with normal N&O)

Policy for All Hazard Response

- We wanted to have a doctrine that can be applied to all incidents
- The policy will address hazards, risk assessment, best practices, and an overall guidance for crews

Appendixes

- **Appendix A: Incident Command**
- **Appendix B: Accountability**
- **Appendix C: Structure Fires**
- **Appendix D: High Rise Fires**
- **Appendix E: Water Supply Operations**
- **Appendix F: Searches**
- **Appendix G: Ventilation**
- **Appendix H: Rapid Intervention and Maydays**
- **Appendix I: Initial Actions for Technical Rescue**
- **Appendix J: Initial Actions for Hazardous Materials**
- **Appendix K: Heavy Rail**
- **Appendix L: Initial Actions for Water Rescue**
- **Appendix M: Metro Incidents**
- **Appendix N: Traffic Safety**
- **Appendix O: Vehicle Collisions**
- **Appendix P: Definitions**
- **Appendix Q: Personnel Rehabilitation**

Appendixes

- Working on structure fire appendixes first
- Will be released over time, as they are completed
- The technical rescue and hazmat appendixes are Operations Level personnel (specialty teams will retain their own technician SOG/SOP's)

Process

- FC will request representatives from MCVFRA (2 or 3)
- FC to select management representatives (2 or 3)
- Group to review the data and first draft
- Group refines, edits, expands the first draft

Process

- Send to MCVFRA and IAFF for N & O
- Division Chiefs reviews comments and make recommendations
- Approval of Fire Chief
- Approved by Fire Commission

Process for Cancellation of Old Policies

- Challenging to get the timing right
- I.e. If the Incident Command Appendix is approved – what documents are immediately cancelled? How long until Executive Regulations are rescinded?
- Lots (LOTS) of cross checking against other policies/directives/FCGO's

Timeline

- A rough draft is complete for the policy and almost all appendixes
- Refinements and adjustments and approval over the next 6 months
- Training : Command officers, Unit officers, and Fire Fighters
- Distribution to all including Federal Stations and Mutual Aid
- Implementation date, hopefully this time next year