

Lincoln County Fire and Rescue Association

Standard Operating Guideline (SOG)

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Title: Working Fire / Additional Alarms

Purpose: This SOG will establish guidelines in order to facilitate organized, pre-determined, and rapid deployment of additional resources to fire scenes where command deems it is necessary. This SOG will also ensure coverage for areas where fire resources are committed to incidents.

General Information:

1. This SOG will allow Fire Chiefs to pre-determine what resources respond to particular areas of the particular fire district.
2. This SOG will allow for pre-determined coverage of fire districts when fire units are committed to an incident. *ALSO SEE SOG 102 Move-Up Coverage (Fire Service)*
3. This SOG will allow for pre-determined resources to respond to an incident.
 - a. Examples:
 - i. Mobile Communications
 - ii. Representative from Power Companies.
4. Fire Chief's will coordinate with Lincoln County Communications to ensure the appropriate departments are responding to certain locations in that particular district. This will be achieved through pre-determined response forms, coordinated with Lincoln County Communications.

Working Fire:

1. Determining working fire:
 - a. A fire unit checks on the scene (structural fire) and Incident Commander Calls "Working Fire," or "fire showing". Communications needs to realize this is only on structural incidents.
 - b. A fire unit checks on the scene (structural fire) and Incident Commander request a supply line be laid.
 - i. If insufficient information is relayed by Command, Lincoln County Communications may obtain clarification from Incident Command.
2. Working Fire Triggers
 - a. Full Structural Response if not already dispatched.
 - i. Example: South Fork FD arrives on scene of a fire alarm and command calls a "working fire," the third mutual aid department needs to be dispatched.
 - b. If requested by IC, response of representative from the Sheriff's Office / Lincoln Police.
 - c. Response of Lincoln County EMS / appropriate Rescue Squad (If not already dispatched).
 - d. Additional resources as specified by a particular fire department.
 - i. Example: Denver FD may respond Ladder 10 to East Lincoln Fire after a working fire is called.

Additional Alarms:

1. At the discretion of the Incident Commander, additional alarms may be requested through Lincoln County Communications.
 - a. Communications will page out the alarm.

2nd Alarms Assignment:

1. Two additional departments to the Incident.
 - a. At this point, five departments will be committed to the incident scene.
2. One department to move up to the primary station.

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- a. Move ups to Mutual Aid Departments should only occur in extraordinary circumstances. Mutual Aid Departments should maintain coverage of their area.
3. EMS Supervisor (If available)
4. Lincoln County or City of Lincolnton Water Department notified.

3rd Alarm Assignment:

1. The move up department on the second alarm, will now respond to the incident.
 - a. This will cut response time to the incident.
 - b. At this point, six departments will be committed to the incident scene.
2. The move up department will be re-placed by an additional department.

All subsequent Alarm Assignments:

1. Repeat of 3rd Alarm

Suggestions:

1. Responding Mutual Aid departments should not commit enough resources to an incident to where the mutual aid department needs move-up coverage, except in extraordinary cases.
2. Fire Chief's should try to avoid stripping one particular area.
 - a. Example: Union FD s may call for outside county departments to the incident and may elect to use Crouse as the move up.
3. Departments should coordinate with the move-up department to provide;
 - a. Access to the fire station.
 - b. Road map of the covered district.
 - c. Any critical information to responding in that district.
 - i. Example; Road closures.
 - d. Appropriate communications equipment.
 - e. Try to provide one member of that district to assist the move up department.