

Wildland Firefighting

315.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for wildland firefighting incidents.

315.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Fresno County Fire Protection District to utilize the Incident Command System (ICS) methods and procedures for managing wildland firefighting operations.

315.3 INCIDENTS INVOLVING STATE OR FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA

Whenever a wildland fire event occurs in the jurisdiction of the Fresno County Fire Protection District it is the responsibility of the Incident Commander to assess the potential for the fire to involve either a State Responsibility Area (SRA) or Federal Responsibility Area (FRA). If the incident either involves or threatens to involve an SRA or FRA, the Incident Commander shall immediately notify the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) or the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Emergency Command Center of the incident. The Incident Commander shall also send notification up the chain of command to the Duty Chief, the Operations Division Chief and the Fire Chief.

Whenever a wildland fire event occurs in the jurisdiction of the Fresno County Fire Protection District it is also the responsibility of the Incident Commander to assess the potential for the fire to involve areas in bordering jurisdictions. If the Incident Commander determines there is any potential for the incident to involve bordering jurisdictions, he/she should immediately direct the Emergency Command Center to notify the appropriate jurisdiction.