

# Incident Management

## 300.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish operational guidelines for members of the District to use in the management and mitigation of all-hazards emergency incidents.

### 300.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

**All-hazards** - An incident, natural or manmade, that warrants action to protect life, property, the environment, and public health or safety, and to minimize disruptions of government, social or economic activities.

## 300.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Fresno County Fire Protection District to utilize the Incident Command System (ICS) or other National Incident Management System (NIMS)-compliant incident management system for managing all emergency incidents. All incident-related activities should be managed in accordance with established ICS/NIMS methods and procedures.

## 300.3 PROCEDURES

The Administration Division Chief should ensure the District adopts written ICS/NIMS procedures that are compatible with neighboring jurisdictions. These procedures should be available to members.

Emergency incidents shall be managed utilizing trained and qualified personnel for the specific tactical, supervisory or command level assignments.

Whenever an emergency incident occurs in the jurisdiction of the Fresno County Fire Protection District, it is the responsibility of the Incident Commander (IC) to assess the potential for the incident to involve property, structures or persons within either a State Responsibility Area (SRA) or a Federal Responsibility Area (FRA). If the incident involves or threatens to involve any SRA or FRA, the IC shall immediately notify the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) or the United States Forest Service (USFS) and Emergency Command Center of the incident.

The IC shall also send notification through the chain of command to the on-duty Duty Officer, the Operations Division Chief and the Fire Chief.

The IC should assess the potential for the incident to involve or negatively impact any persons or property in neighboring jurisdictions. If the IC determines that the potential exists, he/she shall immediately direct Emergency Command Center to notify the appropriate jurisdiction of the incident.