

Purpose:

This procedure identifies the standard operating guideline that may be employed in establishing a Brush Task Force (BTF) response for brush fires or wildland fires, subsequent to the dispatch of a Box alarm. This provides for appropriate on-scene resources and provides the effective management of personnel and resources, providing for safety and welfare of personnel.

A Brush Task Force shall consist of the following units

- Three (3) Brush Trucks
- One (1) Tanker

Communicating a "Brush Task Force"

Any officer or unit responding to or on the scene of an incident may request from the ECC that a "Brush Task Force" be dispatched.

Note: The Brush Task Force is not part of the second alarm. If a second alarm is subsequently requested, a full alarm assignment in addition to the BTF will be dispatched.

Response Assignments of a Brush Task Force

Brush Trucks - The Brush Trucks shall notify Command that they are responding and shall request an assignment.

- The Incident Commander should consider that the Brush Trucks be deployed to appropriate locations for effective operations.
- The Incident Commander should consider the need to keep the Brush Trucks in staging.

Tankers - The Tanker shall notify command that it is responding and shall request an assignment.

- The Incident Commander shall deploy the Tankers to the appropriate site for filling Brush Trucks.
- The Incident Commander shall consider the need to hold the Tanker in staging



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