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Fire Service Mutual Aid System

MOBILIZATION GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

Arizona communities have historically relied upon local fire service mutual aid resources in combating fire and other emergency situations exceeding the capability of a single jurisdiction. Existing cooperative local agency agreements have provided the basis for development of the Statewide Fire Service Mutual Aid System.

Every segment of the fire service has contributed to the development and refinement of the system. System development is based on service wide experience. With continued input and support of the fire services throughout the State of Arizona, the system is capable of and stands ready to mitigate the effects of human-caused and natural disaster.

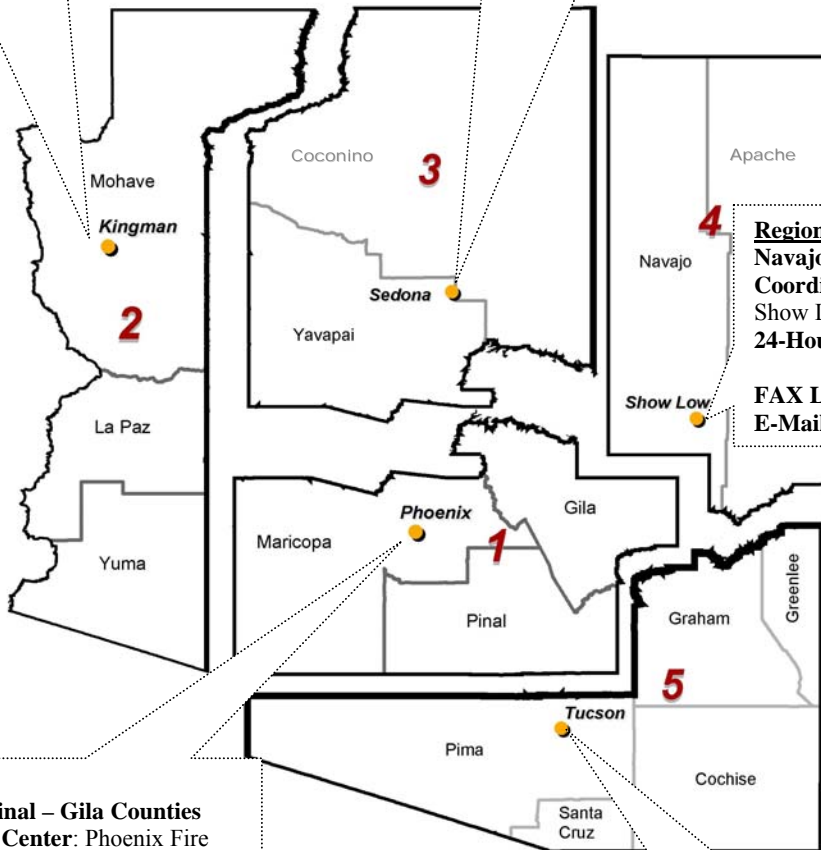
MUTUAL AID REGIONS AND REGIONAL COORDINATION CENTERS

Region 2

Mohave – La Paz - Yuma Counties
Coordination Center: Kingman Fire Dept.
24-Hour Line: 928-753-8165 or 753-8166
FAX Line: 928-753-9490
E-Mail: costerman@ci.kingman.az.us

Region 3

Coconino – Yavapai Counties
Coordination Center: Sedona Fire District
24-Hour Line: 928-282-7101
FAX Line: 928-282-6044
E-Mail: communications@sedonafire.org



Region 4

Navajo – Apache Counties
Coordination Center: Show Low Fire District
24-Hour Line: 928-537-4365 & 928-537-5091
FAX Line: 928-537-8346
E-Mail: chiefowens@showlowfire.org

Region 1

Maricopa – Pinal – Gila Counties
Coordination Center: Phoenix Fire Dept.
24-Hour Line: 602-262-7496
FAX Line: 602-495-5532
E-Mail: louise.a.smith@phoenix.gov

State Fire Rescue Coordination Center

Arizona State Land Department
24-Hour Fire Line: 800-309-7081
FAX Line: 602-255-4061
E-Mail: ronmelcher@azstatefire.org

Region 5

Pima – Cochise – Graham – Greenlee – Santa Cruz Counties
Coordination Center: Tucson Fire Dept.
24-Hour Line: 520-791-4803
FAX Line: 520-791-2558
E-Mail: lcaid1@ci.tucson.az.us

ORGANIZATION

The Arizona fire service includes all public and private entities furnishing fire protection within the state, and all agencies and departments of the state which provide fire protection services. During a “state of war” or when ordered by the Governor pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 26, Chapter 2, all such fire protection agencies become an organizational part of the State of Arizona.

A. LOCAL REPRESENTATION

The fire chief or senior fire service official of each local entity providing public fire protection will serve as a fire service representative to their respective Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator. The fire chiefs or senior fire officials (or their alternates) may be called upon to serve on the Operational Area Emergency Services staff in their respective area.

B. OPERATIONAL AREA FIRE AND RESCUE COORDINATOR

The fire chiefs or senior fire officials of local fire service entities within an Operational Area, with concurrence of the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator, will select the Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator, and appoint one or more alternate Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinators.

C. REGIONAL FIRE AND RESCUE COORDINATOR

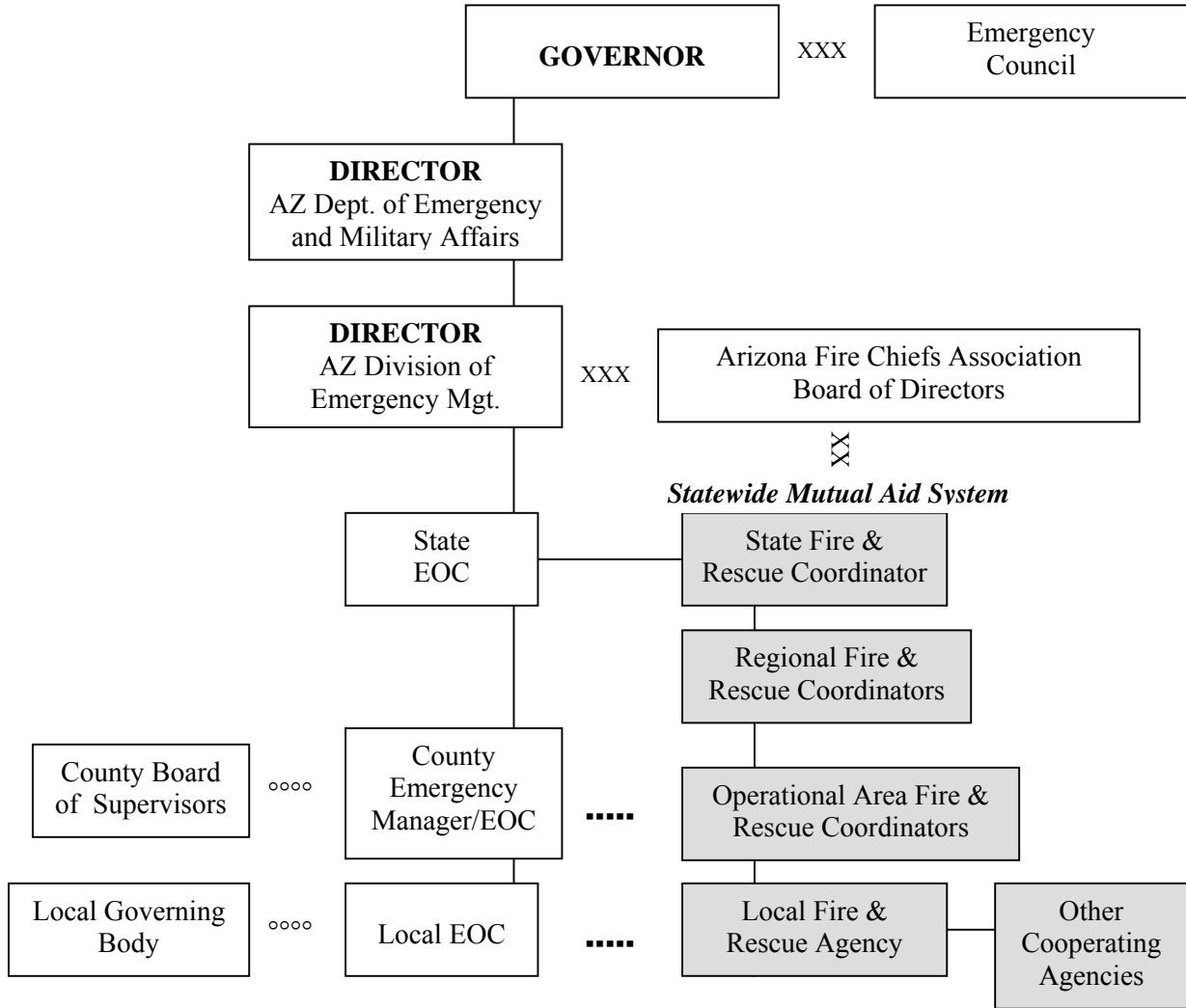
The President of the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) will appoint a Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator within each region of the State and appoint one or more alternate Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinators. They (or their alternates) may be called upon to serve on the staff of the Director of Arizona State Land Department during a “State of War Emergency” or “State of Emergency” declared by the Governor, or when requested by the State Fire and Rescue Coordinator.

D. STATE FIRE AND RESCUE COORDINATOR

The State Fire and Rescue Coordinator is the Director of the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) Fire Management Division. The State Fire and Rescue Coordinator is responsible for taking appropriate action on requests for mutual aid received through Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator channels.

Fire and Rescue Service Organization

ALL-RISK EMERGENCIES



Key:

- = Direction and Control
- XXX = Advisory
- = Coordination and Support
- oooo = Local Direction and Policy
- = Statewide Mutual Aid System

MOBILIZATION

A. When determined by the responsible fire and rescue official that local resources are inadequate to cope with the emergency at hand, the following steps should be taken:

1. Activate local automatic and mutual aid plans.
2. Notify the Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator.
3. Prepare to receive and utilize mutual aid requested/provided.

When jurisdictional and local mutual aid resources are determined inadequate:

4. Request needed resources according to the Operational Area's Mutual Aid Plan. Requests must specifically identify quantity, type, and kind, and include reporting time (Immediate Need or Planned Need), reporting location, contact person, and appropriate travel and reporting radio frequencies or telephone contact numbers.

B. The Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator will:

1. Evaluate resource availability within the operational area.
2. Coordinate dispatch of requested resources from those available within the operational area.
3. Notify the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator and report known situation and resource status of the area.
4. Request mutual aid resources to fulfill requests initiated by local jurisdiction or to reinforce seriously depleted resources within the operational area.

C. The Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator will, upon notification:

1. Evaluate conditions and resource availability within the region.
2. Coordinate the dispatch of requested resources from within the region according to the adopted plan.
3. Notify the State Fire and Rescue Coordinator, reporting known situation and resource status of the region.
4. Request such mutual aid resources necessary to fulfill request(s) initiated by the stricken jurisdiction or to reinforce seriously depleted resources within the region.

D. The State Fire and Rescue Coordinator will, upon notification:

1. Evaluate conditions and resource availability throughout the state.
2. Alert all other Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinators of anticipated inter-regional dispatch of fire service resources.
3. Select region(s) from which resources are to be mobilized to fulfill requests.
4. Coordinate the response of inter-regional mutual aid resources.
5. Activate other state agency support personnel, and equipment necessary to fulfill requests statewide.

Inter-regional fire and rescue mutual aid resources will be mobilized in strike team or task force configuration.

CHANNELS FOR REQUESTING ARIZONA FIRE SERVICE MUTUAL AID RESOURCES

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EVALUATE AREA SITUATION AND RESOURCES

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EVALUATE REGION SITUATION AND RESOURCES

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EVALUATE STATEWIDE SITUATION AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES

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Local Fire Chief:

Activates Local Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan

Operational Area Fire Service Coordinator:

Activates Area Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan

Regional Fire Service Coordinator:

Activates Regional Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan

State Fire and Rescue Coordinator:

Coordinates Inter-Regional Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan

A GUIDE TO REQUESTING MUTUAL AID

The following information is presented to assist the local Fire Chief in obtaining emergency mutual aid assistance on a timely basis. This information is not intended to modify or change any existing agreements or operational plans between your agency and other parties.

Contact your Operational Area Fire and Rescue Dispatch Center.

Identify Yourself.

Local Fire Chief – if available – will make request. If not available, state this request is being made for Chief _____.

State reason for request.

Provide as much information as possible. The Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator needs this information to meet your needs as quickly as possible.

State the quantity, type, and kind of fire service resources needed.

Engines – ICS Type 1-7, Ladder Company – ICS Type 1 or 2, etc. BE SPECIFIC about the type needed.

Do not ask for specific apparatus or agencies when making your request. The Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator will make that determination.

State when you need them.

“Immediate Need” (as soon as possible) or “Planned Need” (needed for next operational period).

State where resources are to report.

Location address, cross streets, freeway off ramp, staging area, etc. BE SPECIFIC.

Identify which local radio frequency or telephone contact number(s) incoming apparatus should use.

Name and rank of person to report to, and his/her radio designation.

Remember: After your initial request, keep your Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator updated on your emergency.

FIRE AND RESCUE MUTUAL AID
HYPOTHETICAL FIRE DISASTER
PROGRESSIVE MOBILIZATION

INCIDENT: Structure fire, with multiple exposures

LOCATION: Downtown, Anywhere, Arizona

As Fire Chief, you have committed all your community's available fire defense resources. Fire is spreading rapidly; additional structures and other exposures are threatened. You determine a need for additional help and activate the "local" mutual aid plan.

Despite prompt arrival and utilization of help from neighboring departments, fire continues to grow in magnitude. All available resources must be assigned structural protection. You request additional, specific assistance from the Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator.

Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator causes available resources to be dispatched. Unable to fill the request completely from area resources, he requests needed resources through the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator.

Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator causes request to be filled from available regional resources. The State Fire and Rescue Coordinator is alerted and apprised of conditions.

The fire continues to grow in both magnitude and threat potential. You request additional resources. Available area and regional resources have been mobilized. Request is processed through Operational Area and Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinators to the State Fire and Rescue Coordinator for X number of Strike Teams, communications, and support equipment.

The State Fire and Rescue Coordinator selects region(s) from which to fill the request; notifies coordinators of selected region(s) to mobilize resources; notifies coordinator of affected region of resources activated travel time, and anticipated time of arrival; mobilizes other state agency personnel necessary to support operations. Inter-regional mutual aid may be mobilized from any one or a combination of mutual aid regions.