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I) PURPOSE/SCOPE/APPLICATION

- A) To establish procedures for individual response to their designated station, incident scene, and to define the conditions under which it is permissible for an individual to report directly to an emergency scene.
- B) This SOG will address Scene Response.
- C) This SOG shall apply for all team activations

II) REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- A) N/A

III) DEFINITIONS

- A) N/A

IV) SPECIALIZED ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A) All members are be responsible for enforcing this SOG.

V) SAFETY

- A) N/A

VI) ENFORCEMENT

- A) Failure to understand this Standard Operating Guideline may result in disciplinary action.
- B) Any deviation from this Standard Operating Guideline may require a written report to the Chief overseeing the team and/or the District 14 Chair.
- C) This policy is for internal use only and does not enlarge an employee's civil liability in any way. The policy should not be construed as creating a higher duty of care, in an

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evidentiary sense, with respect to third party civil claims against employees. A violation of this policy, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this department for non-judicial administrative action in accordance with the laws governing employee discipline.

VII) STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

A) Scene Response

- 1) All Team Members will assure the response of team equipment prior to individual response. This shall be accomplished through coordination between Operational Chiefs and Team Directors.
- 2) Responding directly to the scene in POV is approved under the following conditions:
 - (a) Chief officer and/or designated duty officer responding direct to initiate or assist command.
 - (b) When authorized by the Chief and/or agency designated officer.
 - (c) When responding to the scene of an incident, no team member should utilize “red lights” in their personnel vehicle and will abide to all local, state, and federal driving laws and regulations.

VIII) RECORDS, REPORTS, CHARTS, FORMS

A) N/A

Sog Review Dates:
