

D14 Training Program

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE & EMS MOBILIZATION PLAN



Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
Department of Fire Services
Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health



D14
Intra-District Strike
Teams and Intra-District
Task Forces



History of the Fire Mobilization Plan

- Established in the early 1950's by Governor Foster Furcolo.
- Established as a result of large scale forest fires.
- Statutory authority was contained in chapter 639 (State Civil Defense Statute) of the acts of 1950, which made the Governor responsible for protection of life and property from all natural and man made disasters.
- The original Plan split the state into four areas containing a total of 14 Fire Districts.
- Each District had fire battalions to supply mutual aid for large scale fires and disasters.
- Over the years the Plan became outdated and did not reflect today's equipment, communications and organization.



History of the Fire Mobilization Plan

- In 1980 the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts activated a group called the State Fire Mobilization Committee to review the Executive Order and the Plan.
- Resulted in a new Executive Order #221 in 1982
- Seven key points came out of the review back in 1982.



The Seven (7) Key Points From the Review

1. It is the responsibility of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts to set up and maintain a workable plan.
2. 15 Fire Districts are formed.
3. District Fire Coordinators are appointed by the State Director of the Emergency Management Agency upon the recommendation of Fire Chiefs from within that District. These Coordinators are responsible for updating and administering the provisions of the Executive Order.



The Seven (7) Key Points From the Review

4. Regional Fire Coordinators are selected in the same manner and have overall coordinating responsibility for the Districts in their Region.

5. The Order requires that the command of the fire forces remain with the head of the fire dept. in the jurisdiction requesting assistance.

6. The Order requires that all communities retain a reasonable level of fire protection for their own coverage.

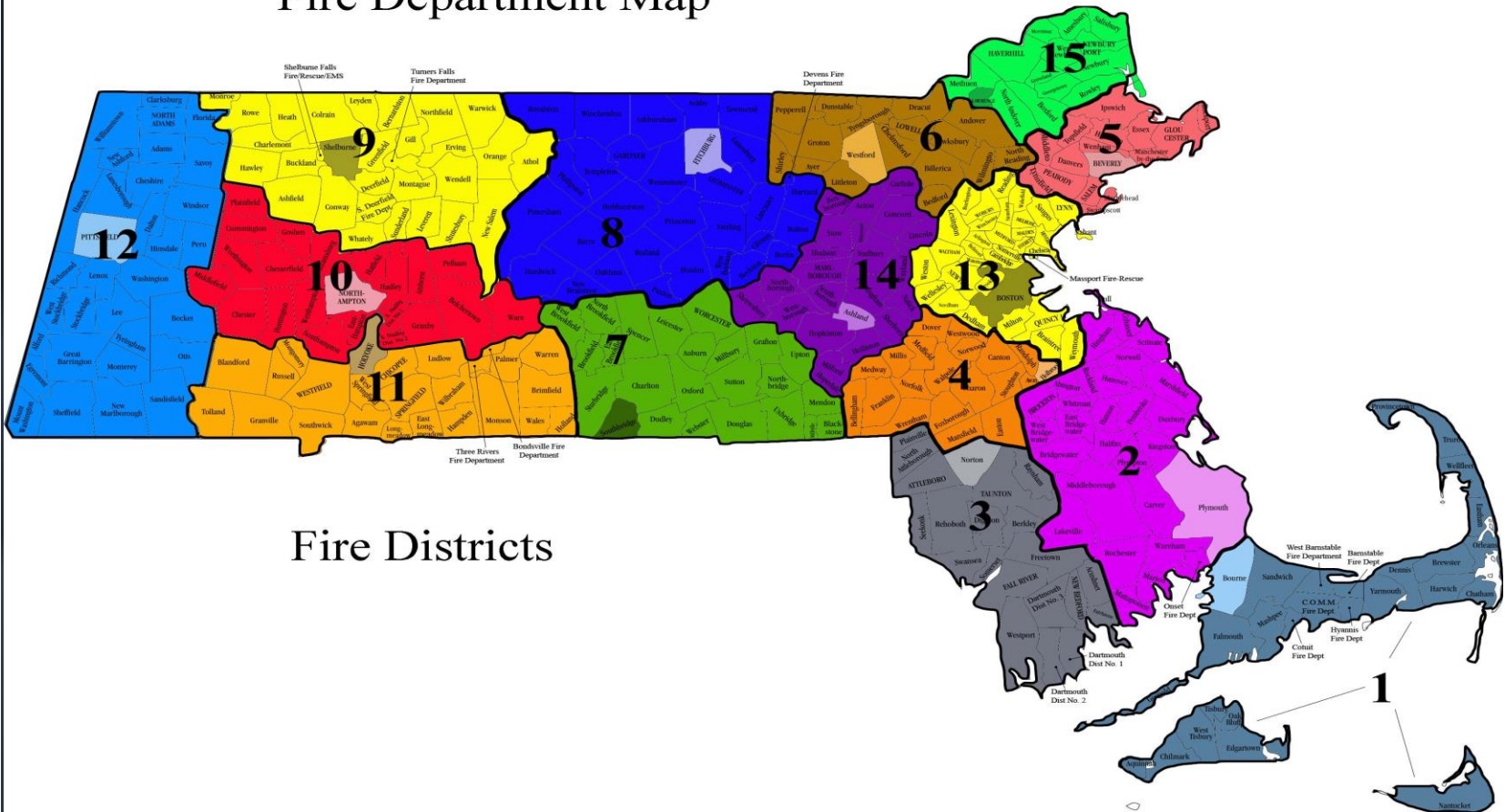
7. The Order permits training exercises and authorizes the State to provide communications equipment for the Plan.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Fire Services

Fire Department Map



Fire Districts



2021 Revisions

- The Fire Mob. Plan was rewritten to modernize the response and address issues for improvement.
- Part of plan was a creating of Strike Teams. Existing D14 Strike Teams rolled into the State Plan.
- New response inventories were created and ongoing work on response run cards continue.
- D14 created a definitive standardized plan for Task Force Activation.



Mobilization Plan Purpose

- To establish a system capable of moving large numbers of resources to emergency situations in an organized manner within a state-wide fire and ambulance mutual aid system, while providing continued local services.
- To provide an “All Hazards” response capability.
- Activation is made after local and regional resources are exhausted.
- Coordination of activations centralized through District Control Points.

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Control Points

- The fifteen Fire Districts each have a hub/dispatch center to:
 - Facilitate and Coordinate the movement of equipment and resources within a geographical area
 - Coordinating the request, activation, and tracking of resources responding to or from other districts, regional or State agencies
 - Work in conjunction with Local, State and Federal Emergency Management groups in the mitigation of incidents.



District Control Points Responsibilities: Communications

- The point of contact for all Mobilization Plan activations for your district
- Monitor community dispatch and fire ground channels
- Notifications
 - Active incidents within the district (Fires, MCI, MDU Haz. Mat. or other significant events)
 - Severe Weather
 - Apparatus in and out of service
 - Long term major road closures
- Daily roll call apparatus status



District Control Points Responsibilities: Data Bases

- District resources
 - Apparatus
 - Specialized local teams
 - Dive Teams
 - Tech Rescue
 - CISD
- Specialized Equipment
 - Foam & Foam trailers
 - MCI trailers
 - Lighting Units
 - Air Supply
 - MDU trailers
 - Boats
 - ATV and off road vehicles



Strike Team and Task Force Management

District Coordinator

- District Coordinators are appointed by the State Director of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) upon the recommendation of Fire Chiefs from within that District.
- District Coordinators are responsible for the administration and implementation of the Statewide Fire Mobilization Plan within the District.

Strike Team/Task Force Leaders

- Each activation will be under the direction of two Chief Officers.
- The Leader of the activation is responsible for the deployment and operations of the Strike Team/Task Force.
- The Asst. Leader of the activation will be responsible for Accountability and Safety of the resources.



Activations

- The Statewide Mobilization Plan only comes into effect when the local community resources and those of regional mutual aid have been expended.
- Regional assets are defined in the D14 Intra-District Strike Team and Task Forces.
- Intra-District resources will report directly to staging and await orders from IC or designee.



D14 Intra-District Strike Teams/Task Forces

- D14 broken down into three response regions.
- Run cards pre-define resource responses for:
 - Ambulances
 - Brush trucks
 - Engine Co.'s
 - Tenders
 - Structural TF
 - Disaster TF



D14			D14		
STRIKE TEAM ASSIGNMENTS			STRIKE TEAM ASSIGNMENTS		
Strike Team 14-A	Strike Team 14-B	Strike Team 14-C	Community	Primary	Secondary
Hudson	Acton	Ashland	Acton	14-C	14-A
Marlborough	Boxborough	Framingham	Ashland	14-B	14-A
Maynard	Carlisle	Holliston	Boxborough	14-C	14-A
Northborough	Concord	Hopedale	Carlisle	14-A	14-C
Southborough	Framingham	Hopkinton	Concord	14-C	14-A
Stow	Lincoln	Milford	Framingham	14-A	14-B
Shrewsbury	Sudbury	Natick	Holliston	14-B	14-C
Westborough	Wayland	Sherborn	Hopedale	14-A	14-B
			Hopkinton	14-B	14-A
			Hudson	14-C	14-B
			Lincoln	14-A	14-C
			Marlborough	14-C	14-B
			Maynard	14-C	14-B
			Milford	14-A	14-B
			Natick	14-A	14-B
			Northborough	14-B	14-C
			Sherborn	14-A	14-B
			Shrewsbury	14-B	14-C
			Southborough	14-B	14-C
			Stow	14-C	14-B
			Sudbury	14-C	14-A
			Wayland	14-A	14-C
			Westborough	14-B	14-C



Activations within D14

- After D14 resources used, the local IC will work with the Control Point to arrange incoming Task Forces.
- Call-up is pre-determined.
- The IC needs to forecast resources to address reflex times.
- Closest response is typically 1 hour away from arrival into the District.



Incoming Into North D14

13 C from Northern Metro Fire is the first TF in and
4B from Norfolk County from the Foxboro area is
2nd TF in.

Structural Running Card District 14 – North Area		
STF	Notification Method	Phone Number
13-C	NAWAS	617-343-2880
4-B	NAWAS	781-767-2233
7-B	NAWAS	508-764-5430
8-A	NAWAS	978-343-4801
6-B	NAWAS	978-256-2541
13-E	NAWAS	617-343-2880
5-A	NAWAS	978-922-4000
7-C	NAWAS	508-764-5430
8-C	NAWAS	978-343-4801
15-A	NAWAS	978-373-3833
11-B	NAWAS	413-534-4511
2-B	NAWAS	508-747-1779
10-A	NAWAS	413-259-3080
1-A	NAWAS	508-362-3434
8-D	NAWAS	978-343-4801



INVENTORY FORM

STRUCTURAL TASK FORCE 13 - C

STF 13-C		
Role:	Fire Department Name:	Telephone:
Leader	Malden	781-397-7389
Asst. Leader	Winthrop	617-846-3474
Alt. Leaders	Medford	781-396-9400
	Arlington	781-316-3924
Engine Companies	Boston	617-343-2880
	Everett	617-394-2342
	Revere	781-286-8374
	Malden	781-397-7389
	Winthrop	617-846-3474
	Chelsea	617-884-1410
Alt. Engine Companies	Chelsea	617-884-1410
	Melrose	781-665-0500
Ladder Companies	Boston	617-343-2880
	Malden	781-397-7389
Alt Ladder Companies	Everett	617-394-2342
	Revere	781-286-8374



Fire Mob. Strike Team/Task Force Activation

- Once a request is sent to MEMA for task force activation, multiple agencies are contacted to start the process.
- The Statewide Coordinator and Regional Coordinator work with the requesting District Coordinator and plan the response with the incoming District Coordinator(s).
- At this point the Control Point will activate the D14 Task Force as noted on the Inventory Form.
- D14 Control will announce the Assembly Point for apparatus.



Types of Resources in Plan

- Structural Task Force-2 Chiefs, 6 Engines, 2 Ladders
- Structural Strike Team- 2 Chiefs, 6 engines
- Structural Tender Task Force- 2 Chiefs, 6 Tenders, 2 Engines
- Forestry Task Force- 2 Chiefs, 6 Brush trucks, 2 tenders
- Forestry Strike Team- 2 Chiefs, 6 brush units
- EMS- 2 Chiefs, 6 Ambulances



D14 Outgoing Policy

- Addressing “lessons-learned”, an Outgoing Task Force Policy was created to standardize and simplify D14 responses.
- This, Strike Team and Fire Mobilization information are available on the D14 website: MASSFIREDISTRICT14.ORG

Fire District 14
Statewide Fire/EMS
Mobilization
Out-Going
Activation Policy



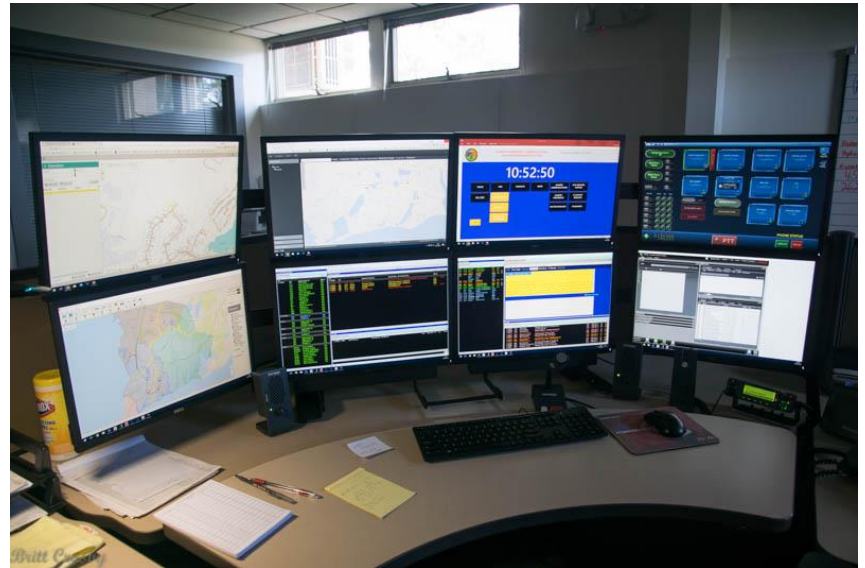
Outgoing Policy

- Notifications
- Radio Communications
- Assembly Points
- Manifests/214 forms
- Logistical concerns
- Demobilization



Notifications

- D14 Control will receive call-out from MEMA.
- D14 Control will call resources on the Inventory and assign communications plan, assembly point as well as Leader information.



Radio Communications

- Travel within the district from your FD to Assembly Point will be on the D14 repeated system.
- From the Assembly Point to Staging, and possibly throughout the deployment, District 14 resources will operate off of **D14 Red**.
- Car 14 will be deployed for all activations.
- Apparatus radio signs will be formatted with Town and Apparatus.
 - Ex. Framingham Tower 1



Assembly Point

- Location where all apparatus will meet with the Leaders to fill out forms and get briefing.
- There are six pre-determined locations within the district for TF/ST to meet up.
- Assembly point is determined by the Leader based on the TF and the destination.
- Upon arrival at Point, Leader will provide Company Officer with Manifest and 214 Form and CO provide the Leader with Accountability Tags.



Manifests

- Manifests will be filled out by officers of each piece of apparatus.
- Information consists of the unit, the units specifics such as tank size/pump gpm, names of crew members, and other pertinent information of the resources.
- Once manifests are completed, one copy stays with Leader and the other will be brought to CP by District Coordinator.
- The manifests are put together and an IAP will be created where the resources will be used.

ENGINE-MANIFEST

RESOURCE: () TASK FORCE NUMBER _____
() STRIKE TEAM NUMBER _____
() SINGLE RESOURCE _____

INCIDENT NAME: _____

REPORTING LOCATION _____

DATE ____/____/____ TIME ____ HRS (24 HOUR TIME)

DEPARTMENT PROVIDING RESOURCE: _____

RADIO CALL SIGN _____

ENGINE: PUMP GPM: _____
TANK: _____
HARD SUCTION: YES () NO () SIZE _____ NUMBER _____
INTAKE FOR DRAFTING: FRONT () REAR ()
SUPPLY HOSE: SIZE _____ LENGTH _____
FOAM: A () B () CAFS ()
RESCUE EQUIP: () JAWS, () AIR BAGS, () ALS
OTHER: _____

PERSONNEL: _____ SPECIALTIES: _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

ADDITIONAL RESOURCE INFORMATION: _____

ASSIGNMENT: _____
DEMobilized: TIME: _____ HRS DATE: ____/____/____
DEMobilize APPROVAL: _____ ICS-221 YES () NO ()
IC: () OPERATIONS: () PLANNING: () LOGISTICS: ()



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Logistical Concerns

- TF/ST activation should be considered as mutual aid.
- Vehicles should be fueled prior to deployment to Assembly Point.
- Spare portable batteries and phone chargers should be brought.
- Non-deployed Chiefs should check-in with D14 Control to provide coverage for areas where Chiefs were deployed.



The line between disorder and order lies in logistics.

~ Sun Tzu

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Demobilization

- Companies will not be released until approved by the TF-ST Leader.
- At Demob. the Leader will receive the 214 form from the Officer and return the Accountability tag.
- Leader will inform D14 Control of apparatus release and apparatus will contact D14 when back in their respective town.



Important Points To Remember

- **The Statewide Mobilization Plan only comes into effect when the local community resources and those of normal mutual aid have been expended.**
- The Plan sends apparatus and personnel in Task Forces or Strike Teams. Each one has it's own Leader.
- The Strike Team or Task Force meet at an assembly point and travel together. They report to a designated staging area for assignment.
- Task Forces or Strike Teams may be used for cover assignments.
- The 214 is YOUR documentation to document your work.
- 214's go to TF Leader once you are demobilized.



D14 Website has all the links and info you will need.

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- Go to D14 websites to review the information.



Conclusion

