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I. PURPOSE

This policy outlines the notifications to chief officers of incidences that may require additional actions on their part.

II. SCOPE

This policy shall apply to all sworn San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) personnel, excluding lifeguards.

III. AUTHORITY

The fire chief authorizes the information within this policy.

IV. POLICY

- A. It is incumbent on the on-duty deputy chief of operations and battalion chiefs to monitor the operational readiness of the Operations Division. Consequently, these policies are intended to define the situations that significantly impact the overall operational readiness of the department.
- B. Battalion Chief Notification
1. The Metro Zone Emergency Command and Data Center (ECDC) will notify battalion chiefs when units in their battalion are involved in the following incidents:
 - a. HazMat incident with confirmed hazard
 - b. Explosive device incident
 - c. Burn and/or smoke-inhalation victim
 - d. Injured fire fighter requiring medical attention
 - e. Coastal cliff rescue incident with injured person or person whose injury status is unknown
 - f. Vehicle accident involving a department vehicle
 - g. "Cover Now" incidents
 - h. Special weapons and tactics (SWAT) operation
 - i. Lindbergh Field Alert 2 Still
 - j. Strike team deployments
 - k. Any unusual circumstances
 - l. At discretion of the ECDC battalion chief
 - m. Units in battalion assigned to a strike team or task force
 - n. Initial attack in battalion and no SDFD engines assigned
 2. All stations and battalion chiefs will be advised of any change in wildland dispatch.
 3. It is necessary to notify battalion chiefs when units are unavailable, out of service (OOS) for any duration, or on a move up.
 4. It is not necessary to notify battalion chiefs when units are responding to incidents in other battalions.

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C. Deputy Chief of Operations Notifications

1. ECDC will notify the on-duty deputy chief of operations in the following circumstances:
 - a. Working first alarm residential structure fire
 - b. First alarm high-rise or hospital response
 - c. Working vehicle rescue or heavy vehicle rescue response
 - d. Coastal cliff rescue response
 - e. Open space or miscellaneous rescues
 - f. Industrial, confined space or structural collapse rescues
 - g. Tree rescues
 - h. Medical multi-casualty response
 - i. Injured fire fighter requiring medical attention
 - j. Alert 1, 2 or 4 at Montgomery/Brown Fields
 - k. Alert 2 or 4 at Lindbergh Field
 - l. Any response that involves department air operations assets
 - m. First alarm commercial or any greater alarm responses
 - n. Any unusual circumstances
 - o. At the discretion of the ECDC battalion chief
 - p. When a move-up occurs between Metro Zone agencies