PURPOSE

This procedure identifies the guidelines and responsibilities when establishing a Deployment Sector.

GUIDELINES

The Planning Section will determine the need to establish a Deployment Sector. Unlike most sectors, this sector will communicate directly with Planning via telephone rather than a tactical radio channel. The Planning Section shall make early contact with the Deployment Sector Officer and establish a phone number for all communications between Planning and Dispatch and Deployment. The Captain in the Dispatch Center will assume the role of Deployment Sector Officer. In the Captain's absence, the Dispatch and Deployment Supervisor will assume this role.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities assigned to the Deployment Sector will vary somewhat in each situation depending on type, size and complexity of the incident. The specific responsibilities will include:

* Maintain adequate Regional coverage throughout the incident.
* Make emergency notifications to the appropriate Staff personnel and VIP's as requested.
* Assure the incident is assigned sufficient tactical radio channels.
* Monitor radio traffic relating to the incident.
* Assist and support the Supervisor in managing the Dispatch and Deployment Center.
* Provide and coordinate resources or assistance requested by Command and/or Planning Section.
* Continually re-evaluate the need for emergency callback of personnel.
* Assist the Planning Section with a plan for rotating Companies to the scene for relief and overhaul.

The Deployment Sector will be supported by personnel in the Dispatch Center. On multi-alarm incidents, the Dispatch and Deployment Division Chief will respond to the Dispatch Center and at his/her discretion, assume the responsibilities of Deployment Sector Officer.
Sample Organizational Chart for Dispatch and Deployment during a significant emergency incident: