

<b>STAGING LEVELS</b>	
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## **PURPOSE**

This guideline will describe methods to control congestion on scene and have easy access to resources.

## **SCOPE**

ALL

## **PROCEDURE**

### **BASIC OPERATIONAL APPROACH**

Effective utilization of this guideline will assist the Incident Commander (IC) with the following:

- Prevent excessive apparatus congestion at the scene of an emergency
- Allow time for the IC to evaluate conditions prior to assigning companies
- Place apparatus in an uncommitted location close to the immediate scene to facilitate more effective assignment by the IC
- Reduces radio traffic during the critical initial stages of an emergency incident
- Provides a resource pool from which the IC may assign units and resources as needed

### **LEVEL I STAGING**

- Level I staging is automatically in effect for all incidents.
- The first arriving engine company will respond directly to the scene and initiate appropriate operations.
- The first arriving service truck will respond directly to the scene. They shall announce their approach to the scene so that the IC may commit them to an assignment.
- EMS units will stage, uncommitted, in a direction of travel granting them mobility.
- All other responding units will stage in their direction of travel,

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uncommitted, approximately one block from the scene unless otherwise directed.

- Unless directed otherwise the second due engine will stand by a water source.

### **LEVEL II STAGING**

- Level II staging is utilized when command wants to maintain a reserve of resources. Level II staging places all reserve resources in a central location and automatically requires the implementation of a staging officer.
- The IC shall designate a staging area far enough to avoid congestion but close enough to readily access new resources.
- The first officer arriving at the staging area will become the staging officer until relieved. The IC will advise the staging officer the channel to communicate.
- Level II staging will be implemented for all multi-alarm incidents. Level II staging should be considered for all incidents where the IC desires to centralize resources, or simply park apparatus in a central, unobstructed location.
- Units which are already staged (level I) or enroute to level I staging, will stay in level I staging unless otherwise directed by command. All other responding units will proceed to the level II staging area.

