

Union County Standard Operating Guidelines
Incident Command System

Incident Command System 2.06
Command Response Guidelines

1. Reasons for the Command Response:

- A. The Incident Commander of all incidents, regardless of that person's rank, has the responsibility of taking care of various duties. These duties are, but are not limited to: Life Safety, Incident Stabilization, and Property Conservation. During the course of the incident, the I/C may feel that the Emergency has escalated to an environment that may need additional support for command staff positions.
- B. These staff positions could be Operations, Staging, Water Supply, Safety, Public Information, E.M.S., Logistics, Planning and Finance. These positions are the basic levels that are needed to fulfill the incident command structure.
- C. It may also be necessary to have Sector and Division Commanders included in this response.

2. Levels of Command Response:

- A. Special Call Response: this type of response would generally be used when the I/C feels that only a limited number of staff officers will be needed to handle the incident. Example: Chief 271 has a fire in Millcreek Township and feels with the equipment and personnel on the scene, he needs only a response from Jerome Township and calls for Chief 210 and Prevention 212.
- B. County Wide Response: this type of response would generally be used on a large-scale incident, when a great deal of command staff positions would need to be filled. Example: Chief 310 is on the scene of a downtown fire in Richwood. Due to conditions and limited manpower, Chief 310 feels that he needs as many command officers as possible to support him during this emergency. He notifies the 911 dispatch office to dispatch a county-wide command response.

3. Notification of Command Response by 911 Dispatch Office

- A. When the I/C has decided that a command response is needed, he shall notify the 911 dispatch office of this request.
- B. Depending on the type of request, the 911 dispatcher will set off the appropriate departments' tones and dispatch those department's command

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officers. If the department also has telephone or alpha-numeric pagers, these will also be activated.

- C. Upon notification, each command officer shall notify the 911 dispatch office of the following:
 - i. Who will be responding
 - ii. Response time to the incident

- D. When the 911 dispatch office receives notification of response, they will by radio or if possible by telephone, advise the Incident Commander of all information regarding the command response.

4. Command Response Assignment

It should be understood by all participants of the Command response, that we will be used as a support resource and not as a replacement for the established Incident Commander.