

18.0. – CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33 Branch

CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33 will be responsible for the following primary functional assignments:

1. Operate as the initial Incident Commander (IC)
2. Set up the Incident Command Post (ICP) at Cal Fire/SLO County Fire Station #33
3. Transition to Unified Command (UC) when the Plan is activated
4. Damage Assessment
5. Recon
6. Rescue
7. Fire Control
8. Hazardous Materials
9. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
10. Communication

I. AFTER ENSURING THEIR FAMILIES AND HOMES ARE SAFE, COMPANY 33 PAID CALL FIREFIGHTERS ARE TO RESPOND TO STATION 33

- A. Make damage assessment while en route to station.
- B. Once at the station, assist paid staff as directed.
- C. Remove equipment from engine bays. Do not leave on apron
 1. Conduct radio check
 2. Inspect facility for damage
 3. Report any facility damage to ECC
 4. Remove oxygen, medical equipment, and salvage covers from station supply storage for use in the treatment area.
- D. If an immediate need for equipment exists, respond as requested or prudent under the following priorities. Consider the need to remain available for new emergencies with a higher priority.
 1. Life Threat
 2. Property Threat
 3. Hazard Elimination
- E. Set up facility
 - a. Use Major Incident Kit for needed forms, supplies, maps, etc.
 - b. Ensure emergency generator is fueled and operating properly.

II. ESTABLISH INCIDENT COMMAND POST. ESTABLISH THE UNIFIED COMMAND WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HRCSD AND HROA. ASSIGN SITUATION UNIT AND RESOURCE UNIT

A. Radio into ECC or Battalion Chief

1. Brief damage assessment
2. Equipment status
3. Paid Call Firefighters available
4. Immediate resource needs

B. Check telephones

C. Form teams (assign Public Information Officer with communications).

Consider the following assignments utilizing Paid Call Firefighters:-

1. Staffing Engines
2. Staffing the Rescue
3. Filling the Situation Unit and Resource Unit positions to maintain Resource Board current, maintain unit lot (Incident Command System form #214). Refer to Resource Board format.
4. Providing triage and first aid
- 5.

III. CREATE RECON TEAMS

- A. Utilize civilian volunteers with one Paid Call Firefighter. Minimum of two in a vehicle; four wheel drive pickup truck, if possible. Maintain on Status Board.

18.1 DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

I. RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. To assess damage to life and property in the Heritage Ranch area by way of two fundamental processes:

1. Preliminary survey by all personnel (CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33, HRCSD, HROA, civilian volunteers, CERT members, and other agencies) responding to their respective reporting locations and transfer this information to the Situation Unit.
2. On-going assessment of damage by organized recon teams by designated areas or specific facility and report of information to the Situation Unit.

B. To maintain current situation status

II. SCENARIOS – ASSESSMENTS OF FOLLOWING:

A. En route to reporting location

1. Road conditions
 - a. Driveable
 - b. Four Wheel Drive
 - c. Closed
2. Structures, residential and public
 - a. Life Threatening
 - b. Standing, no apparent damage
 - c. Standing, slight damage
 - d. Standing/fallen, extensive damage
 - e. On fire/smoking
3. Utilities
 - a. Smell of propane, visible cloud
 - b. Downed lines or arcing
 - c. Major water leaks or loss

III. RESOURCES:

A. CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33

1. Paid staff and Paid Call Firefighters
2. In-Service Equipment

B. HROA Staff

C. HRCSD Staff

D. Civilian Volunteers and/or CERT members

1. To be paired with A, B, or C if possible

E. Transportation

2. Private vehicle if appropriate
3. HROA with primary transportation responsibility

18.2 RECON

- A. Observe damage en route to your reporting location and report it to the Situation Unit
 - 1. If the Situation Unit not yet formed, begin written documentation
- B. Operating Guide included in the Major Incident Pre-plan at CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33
- C. Recon teams to be formed as personnel arrive
 - 1. To be issued maps and damage checklists
 - 2. Maintain accountability with Situation Unit
- D. Recon teams to survey area as outlined in Operating Guide
 - 1. Obtain communications
- E. Report back to the Situation Unit with written checklist
 - 1. Report life threatening situations immediately by radio or phone
- F Recon teams report for reassignment when finished
- G. All check-out lists to be returned to the Situation Unit. Recon teams to report extreme hazards to the Incident Command Post for dispatch by engine or squad.

18.3 RESCUE

I. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Safety of life through removal of people from hazardous or potentially hazardous situations

II. SCENARIOS – ASSESSMENTS OF FOLLOWING:

- A. Building collapse or potential collapse
- B. Fire rescue situations
- C. Vehicle rescue situations
- D. Water rescue
- E. Terrain (cliff) rescue

III. RESOURCES:

- A. CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33
 3. Paid staff and Paid Call Firefighters
 4. In-Service Equipment
- B. Other
 1. Sheriff Search and Rescue
 2. Cal-Trans, Law Enforcement
 3. Civilian Volunteers and/or CERT members

IV. PROCEDURES:

- A. Immediate assessment of situation
 1. Request adequate outside resources
- B. Utilize all available equipment from all three agencies (i.e. Fire, HROA, HRCSD)
 1. Rescue has priority over all other functions
- C. Utilize private volunteered equipment provided through the Support Control Center
 1. Public information from Main Gatehouse to include acceptance of private equipment and personnel, who are directed to report to the Support Control Center
 2. Private equipment to work only under the direct command and supervision of a qualified representative from CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33, HRCSD or HROA.
 3. It should be explained to all volunteers that there is neither an implied payment for service nor any assumption of liability by any agency or organization involved in emergency operations.
 4. Civilian volunteers must report to the Support Control Center.
- D. Current situation and all changes of location must be reported to the Resource Unit.

18.4 FIRE CONTROL

I. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Safety of life and property through abatement of fire following CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire SOG's
- B. Allotment and tracking of limited resources in the event of a major incident at Heritage Ranch must become self-sufficient
- C. CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station retains jurisdictional responsibility for all fire incidents
- D. The on-duty Company Officer of CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33 will operate as the Incident Commander and will determine appropriate response to and actions at the fire
- E. Priority guide for major incidents shall be:
 - 1. Life threatening situation
 - 2. Maintaining resource availability for response to life threatening situations
 - 3. Property threatening situations
 - 4. Other reconnaissance and support activities
 - 5. Secondary incident assistance

II. SCENARIOS – ASSESSMENTS OF FOLLOWING:

- A. Structure fire
- B. Vegetation fire
- C. Flammable liquid or gasoline fire
- D. Vehicle fire
- E. Multiple or combinations of above
- F. Major incidents or conflagration
- G. Fire menace, hazard or potential

III. RESOURCES:

- A. CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33
 - 1. Paid Call Firefighters and permanent staff
 - 2. In-Service Equipment (E33, E233, R33)
- B. Transportation
 - 1. Paid Call Firefighter private vehicle if appropriate
 - 2. HROA with primary transportation responsibility

- C. Allotment of resources to rest with the Incident Commander on local level.
Battalion, Emergency Command Center or EOC to retain control
- D. Personnel:

- 1. Fire Teams

- a. Engine 33 with CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33
- b. Engine 233 with minimum 2/0 staffing
- c. Rescue 33 with minimum 2/0 staffing

IV. PROCEDURES:

- A. All fire control activities will be under the on-duty Company Officer of CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33 who will operate as the Incident Commander and will determine appropriate response to and actions.
- B. Under the direction and control of CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33 Fire Chief or his or her designated representative
- C. All CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33 procedures and policies will be followed at all times unless extreme circumstances dictate deviation in order to protect lives, avoid significant property loss or make firefighting resources available for higher priority needs elsewhere.
- D. Conflagration and major wildland fire situations involve coordination and control beyond direct firefighting operations. In the event of the above, CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33 will retain sole overall control of the Incident Commander with other agencies participating where appropriate in support or liaison functions at their convenience.
- E. Multiple Incident Situations:
 - 1. Area Command
 - a. Emergency Operations Center located in SLO
 - b. Emergency Command Center located in SLO
 - c. Battalion or Division Command
 - d. Station or Local Area Command
 - e. Other, as necessary
- F. Wildland fire Operational Plans contained in the Lake Nacimiento Area Pre-Plan will be utilized for wildland fires in Heritage Ranch

18.5 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

I. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. All hazardous materials incidents within Heritage Ranch fall under the jurisdiction of CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire
- B. All tactical considerations involving a hazardous material shall be governed by the following order of priority:
 - 1. Protection of life and health
 - 2. Protection of the environment
 - 3. Protection of property and equipment

II. SCENARIOS – ASSESSMENTS OF FOLLOWING:

- A. Fixed identified material in use on Heritage Ranch
 - 1. Hypochlorite Solution
 - 2. Propane
 - 3. Diesel/Gasoline
 - 4. Unidentified material
- B. Material in transit or temporary material

III. RESOURCES:

- A. CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33
 - 1. Paid staff and Paid Call Firefighters
 - 2. In-Service Equipment
- B. HRCSD
- C. HROA

IV. PROCEDURES:

- A. Determine nature of hazardous material emergency
- B. Notify the Incident Command Post of hazmat release
- C. Identify materials if possible
- D. Establish safe perimeter pursuant to D.O.T. Emergency Guide
- E. Evacuate/isolate affected areas as needed pursuant to D.O.T. Emergency Guide
- F. Mitigate emergency if safe to do so
- G. The Incident Command Post shall ensure proper hazmat response is required from the Emergency Command Center and Emergency Operations Center

18.6 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

I. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. To minimize suffering and loss of life:
 - 1. Establishment of a triage and treatment area
 - 2. Rendering the most efficient care possible
 - 3. Prompt and proper transport under the given conditions
 - 4. Provide medical treatment at emergency scene
 - 5. Provide safety and treatment for incident personnel
 - 6. Provide triage/treatment at scene of complex rescues
 - 7. Provide long term care if unavoidable
- B. Maintain proper documentation for transport with patients

II. SCENARIOS – ASSESSMENTS OF FOLLOWING:

- A. First aid treatment area needed
- B. Adequate medical supplies on hand or ordered
- C. Adequate trained personnel for number of victims
- D. Proper triage and priority of treatment
- E. Ongoing transportation of numerous patients
- F. On scene treatment and triage
- G. Complex rescue situations

III. RESOURCES:

- A. Most medically qualified to act as Medical Group Supervisor
- B. CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33
 - 1. Paid staff and Paid Call Firefighters
 - 2. In-Service Equipment
- C. HRCSD
- D. HROA
- E. Civilian Volunteers and/or CERT members
- F. Equipment:
 - 1. Utilize medical equipment in storage at CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33
 - 2. Utilize medical equipment from rescue only if necessary. Leave rescue available for response
 - 3. Accept use of private first aid supplies through the Support Control Center

G. Facilities for the Casualty Collection Point:

1. Utilize CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33 as outlined in the Operating Guide if structurally sound. If determined to be unsafe, relocate to the Pavilion
2. Establish triage as outlined. It is critical that passerby's and onlookers be prohibited

IV. PROCEDURES:

- A. Remove engines and rescue from building
- B. Isolate CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33
- C. Begin triage procedures
- D. The Operating Guide assigns two firefighters to the rescue and two to medical treatment. If the rescue is dispatched, consider responding with one if conditions warrant
- E. Inform Public Information Officer of medical aid availability at the Incident Command Post
- F. Consider arrangements for transportation of the injured
 1. Request availability of ambulances/helicopters
 2. Consider stockpiling of private vehicles for transport
 3. Request status of Twin Cities Hospital, MEE Memorial (King City) and SLO Hospitals
- G. Accept/request private donations of equipment, blankets, etc. through the Support Control Center
- H. Request through the Incident Commander to the Emergency Command Center or Emergency Operations Center adequate outside resources for medical treatment and transport. Request additional qualified Unit Leaders for Triage, Treatment and Transportation Units
- I. Provide the Incident Commander and the Situation Unit with periodic updates on overall medical group status and needs

V. TEMPORARY MORGUE

- A. If an injured victim, who was moved to the triage area to be treated, dies as the result of the injuries, the body must be removed from the treatment area. The

body is moved for the benefit of other victims in the treatment area, as well as volunteer workers staffing the triage and treatment areas.

B. The Temporary Morgue, for these victims only, will be located at the HRCSD Warehouse. This location allows for the safe storage of the deceased in a facility that can be locked and secured.

C. All other victims who die from their injuries during a major incident must remain in the place where they died. These bodies must not be moved for any reason other than by law enforcement personnel acting in their official capacity.

18.7 COMMUNICATIONS

I. RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. To maximize communications capabilities utilizing available resources:

1. From the Incident Command Post to operational functions
2. Coordinate radio usage to maximize tactical frequency availability
3. Establish outside communications
4. Provide coordinated communications training
5. Maintain communications equipment
6. Facilitate communications between the Incident Command Post, the Support Control Center and the Situation Unit, CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33, HRCSD, HROA and other incident facilities
7. Coordinate overall incident communications
8. Inventory equipment within the Community

B. Maintain proper documentation for transport with patients

II. SCENARIOS – ASSESSMENTS OF FOLLOWING:

- A. Maintain radio cache and assign as directed
- B. Maintain two-way communications to Main Gatehouse
- C. Provide coordinated communications training
- D. Control all external communication
- E. Make radio priority assignments
- F. Maintain radio protocol and discipline
- G. Continuous priority is to maintain non-radio communication links (Battalion, Command, Emergency Command Center and Emergency Operations Center).

III. RESOURCES:

- A. CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33
 1. Paid staff and Paid Call Firefighters
 2. In-Service Equipment
- B. HRCSD
- C. HROA
- D. Civilian Volunteers and/or CERT members

IV. PROCEDURES:

- A. Initial communications responsibilities will remain with the Incident Commander or the Situation Unit
- B. Appoint the Public Information Officer (PIO) and establish communications

- C. External command communications to be established
- D. Communications equipment collection and inventory at the Support Control Center
- E. Radio equipment assignment to the Situation Unit and the Incident Commander
- F. Tactical, command and support frequencies established
- G. CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station #33, HRCSD, HROA and the Incident Command Post communications established
- H. Unit log and message form started
- I. Communications control established