

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA**

**POLICY# 11**

<b>TOPIC: XCC PRE-DESIGNATED STRIKE TEAM ROTATION LIST</b>			
<b>Revision Date</b> <i>July 5, 2010</i>	<b>Replaces</b> <i>NEW</i>	<b>Approved By</b> <b>County Chiefs</b>	<b>Pages</b> <b>2</b>
<b>DISPOSITION: Operational Area Policy Manual</b>			

**Purpose:**

Requests for Strike Teams from our Operational Area indicate that severe or multiple major incidents are occurring in California or elsewhere. Apparatus and personnel need to respond within 30 minutes for Immediate Need requests and within 60 minutes for Planned Need requests. Experience has shown that these time frames are difficult to achieve unless Strike Teams (ST), Strike Team Leaders (STEN), and Strike Team Leader Trainees (STEN (T)) are pre-designated. This Policy has been adopted by the County Chiefs to create a pre-designated ST rotation list in an attempt to comply with Cal EMA response goals and create a fair system of rotation of apparatus and personnel. This Policy applies only to Immediate Need and Planned Need ST requests. Refer to Contra Costa County Operational Area Policy #5 for Initial Attack Strike Team requests.

**Policy:**

**A. Pre-Designated Strike Team Engines**

1. Each day a Type I and Type III Engine ST shall be pre-designated.
2. Generally, if an agency has agreed to send Type I and or Type III Engines on Mutual Aid, the assignments will alternate each week between their Type I and Type III Engine.
3. All county Fire Agencies who have agreed to furnish Mutual Aid will have an Engine assigned to the pre-designated ST each week.
4. The pre-designated rotation lists show only the agency, not the specific Engine number. This helps provide flexibility for scheduled maintenance, mechanical failure, etc.
5. The pre-designated ST rotation list will be updated and sent to each county Fire Agency for review and scheduling at the beginning of the calendar year.
6. The pre-designated ST shall be displayed on the Daily SITSTAT.
7. The XCC Pre-Designated ST Rotation List does not pertain to Cal EMA (OES) Engines, only local government Engine commitment.

## B. Pre-Designated Strike Team Leader and Strike Team Leader Trainee

1. Each day a Type I and Type III STEN and STEN (T) shall be pre-designated.
2. The initial pre-designated STEN rotation list shall be developed using qualified Chief Officers.
3. All STEN and STEN (T) shall rotate weekly starting each Monday at 0800 hours sharp.
4. If a STEN or STEN (T) cannot fulfill their scheduled rotation, they will be responsible for finding a qualified replacement from the XCC STEN or STEN (T) list. **Replacements may be qualified Chief or Company Officers.**
5. STEN (T) may utilize a STEN or a STEN (T) for replacement if unable to fulfill their scheduled rotation.
6. STEN and STEN (T) who utilize a replacement for their scheduled rotation shall notify the Operational Area (CCRFCC) with the name of their replacement immediately.
7. If requests come to CCRFCC for two ST of the same type, the primary STEN and (T) for that type ST shall be sent first, then the other STEN and (T) shall be substituted for the second ST of the same type.
8. The pre-designated Type I and Type III ST with STEN and STEN (T) shall show on the daily SITSTAT from CCRFCC.
9. STEN and (T) requests for Cal EMA Engine ST shall use the appropriate STEN and (T) for the type requested from the pre-designated rotation list e.g. Type III Cal EMA Engine ST request, the pre-designated Type III STEN and (T) shall be sent.
10. When requests for more than the 2 pre-designated ST occur and are attempted to be filled in the Operational Area, CCRFCC shall search for additional STEN and (T) by going to the next week pre-designated ST rotation list sequentially to ascertain if either of the two STEN and (T) are available. If the next week STEN and (T) cannot accept the assignment, send an Alpha Numeric page searching for any qualified STEN and (T) in an attempt to fill the request.
11. STEN and STEN (T) who fail to adhere to this Policy may be removed from the pre-designated ST rotation list.
12. The Operational Area Coordinator or their designee shall maintain the pre-designated ST rotation list.