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**PURPOSE AND INTRODUCTION**

**PURPOSE:** To establish policy(s) for the Central Zone Operational Area Fire Departments of San Diego County.

**BACKGROUND:**

It is the intent of the Central Zone Fire Chief's to effectively utilize available resources for the operational benefit of all member agencies.

**POLICY:**

This operational manual is intended to provide a guide for emergency and non-emergency operations. The goal of the operations manual is to provide consistency, efficiency, and safety for all Central Zone resources and personnel. There are portions of this manual that are specific only to a few agencies within the Zone while other policies apply to all. Personnel should be guided by their agency specific Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) if certain guidelines are not specifically addressed in this manual.

The manual is intended to identify and implement:

- Agreed upon emergency and non-emergency operational procedures.
- Promote uniformity of thinking, action, and safety on emergency scenes between all Zone agencies.
- Policies and operations that will be supported, enforced and followed by all Central Zone departments and agencies.

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