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**A-3 RESOURCE GROUPING DEFINITIONS**

Resources acquisitions through Mutual Aid or any other vehicle are done in groupings. These groupings may be of three types. The first type is single increment(s). The second is Strike Team, and the third is Task Force. Definition of these terms follows:

- Single resource - a single increment is an individual piece of equipment. This can include multiples or combinations of pieces of equipment.
- Strike Team - "Specified combinations of the same kind and type of resources, with common communications and a leader." Typically, in our case, this will involve engines, however, hand crews and dozers may also be grouped as Strike Teams. When requesting or providing strike teams, the kind and type must be determined and specified. The kind defines whether the resource is an engine, crew or dozer, and the type defines its specifications. Engines, for example, may be of Type I, II, III, or IV.
- Task Force - "A group of resources with a common communications and a leader temporarily assembled for a specific mission." A Task Force may be composed of any fire suppression or support resources and a leader. This could include fireboat, bulldozer, air tanker, or more frequently, a task force will be composed of two or three engines and a truck, or two engines and a watertender or resources of a nature to fulfill a specific and generally short term mission.

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