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Introduction:

The Mutual Threat Area (MTA) sub-committee of the Central Operation Committee has been tasked with the development of a policy that identifies the communication plan for fires within the MTA. Clear communications for ALL resources being assigned to these incidents will increase the safety of all personnel.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set a procedure for communications while working with multi-agencies within the MTA. The policy must be established to allow ALL resources the ability to communicate within the incident organization.

Procedure

Communication center will work to determine the agency of authority. Once this decision has been made, a communication plan will be developed. Following is the procedure from developing the plan:

SRA (State Responsibility Area) Incident

Units will respond via status messaging. Units will monitor MVU Local and listen for command and tactical channel assignments. Once assigned, all units will switch to the assigned command and tactical on the VHF radio.

- Heartland will notify agency of responsibility that all Central Zone resources are responding via the Emergency Communication Center intercom
- Units assigned to this incident will be the responsibility of the communication/command center having authority. All communication will be handled through this center.
- Single ordering point will be established.
- If a change in command channel is necessary, the communication center will assign this channel. All units will switch to this channel.
- ALL resource orders will be process by the communication/command center having authority.

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LRA (Local Responsibility Area) Incident

Units will respond via status messaging, and switch to the assigned command and tactical.

- Communication/Command centers sending resources will notify the agency of responsibility that all resources are responding via the Emergency Communication Center intercom.
- Units assigned to this incident will be the responsibility of the communication/command center having authority. All communication will be handled through this center.
- Single ordering point will be established.

FRA (Federal Responsibility Area) Incident

Units will respond via status messaging, and monitor CNF Forest Net until command and tactical channels are assigned. Once channels are assigned to the incident, all units will switch to the assigned VHF command and tactical.

- Communication/Command centers sending resources will notify the agency of responsibility that all resources are responding via the Emergency Communication Center intercom
- Units assigned to this incident will be the responsibility of the communication/command center having authority. All communication will be handled through this center.
- Single ordering point will be established.

ALL resource ordering will be the responsibility of the communication/command center having authority of the incident

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