

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM

PURPOSE

This guideline identifies the manner in which the Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) members will be notified to respond to any type of incident that the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) determines, for the Butler County participating agencies.

This policy outlines the dispatch protocol for an Incident Management Team to respond to all incident types that the Fire Chiefs have pre-determined as high hazard incidents. This allows additional incident management personnel to be dispatched automatically once incident command initiates a second alarm or on initial alarms for high hazard responses. The IMAT should not be confused with the Southwest Ohio Incident Management Team which is available for deployment for major incidents.

DEFINITIONS

❖ IMAT:

Consists of trained Chief/Command Officers who will assist with various IMS functions such as Plans Chief, Safety Section Officers, Incident Safety Officer, RIC Officer, Accountability Officer, Rehab Officer, Division/Group Supervisor, or any other position designated by the incident commander.

❖ IMAT Member:

The Fire Chief of each community will pre-determine the Chief Officers assigned to their IMAT group. There will be no less than three (3) chief officers assigned as an IMAT complement. Each district will have an IMAT designation such as "IMAT 60" (for calls assigned to Monroe).

QUALIFICATIONS

Each Chief/Command Officer assigned to an Incident Management Team will possess the minimum required NIMS training, to include but not limited to, ICS 100-200-700-800. It is recommended that these officers obtain ICS 300, 400, and Incident Safety Officer. In addition, each Chief/Command Officer, assigned to the IMAT Team, must attend one Butler County Incident Command training each year.

DISPATCH CENTER

When the CAD calls for an IMAT response, the dispatcher will dispatch the corresponding Chief/Command Officers that are assigned to the IMAT team. The dispatcher center and Butler County Fire Chiefs will work together to develop an effective system to add these officers to the alarm, tone notification, as well as active 911.

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RESPONDING IMAT MEMBERS

When the IMAT member is responding, he/she shall identify to the Dispatch Center that “Chief 80 is responding” and then switch to the assigned fireground (FG) to advise the IC he/she is responding. They are to monitor the FG traffic until they arrive at level one staging. Once they arrive at level one staging, the Incident Commander will assign them a position or have them report to command.

ON-SCENE ASSIGNMENTS

It is the sole discretion of the Incident Commander to assign incoming Chiefs to command positions. Extra care should be given to insure the following positions are filled as soon as possible as the incident escalates.

- Command
- Accountability
- Safety
- RIC Group Supervisor
- Geographic boundary locations (i.e. Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Delta divisions)
- Staging
- Logistics
- Public Information Officer
- Liaison
- Planning

The top six will give the Incident Commander the most flexibility in gaining control and maintain accountability of the incident and this is a good framework to build from.