

Wildland Deployments & Mobilizations; SPS & King County; 2015

1. Sleepy Hallow; Wenatchee; 6-28 to 7-3

- a. Wildland Engine ST; STL's: Eastside F&R Gig Harbor, with Gig Harbor, Eastside F&R, King-20, No. Kitsap, Central Mason & Orting Valley.
- b. Type-1 Engine ST, STL's from Woodinville & SKF&R; with SFD x 2, SKF&R, Bellevue & Pierce Co.

Lessons learned: Call earlier for Resources, Type-1 TF/ST offered at 23:00hrs then asked for at 03:30, Should have requested a ST-Task-force with a Ladder, Warehouse fire and a Haz-Mat team, who is ordering for structure protection? Need to consider 24 hour operation (Night shift); Nice work with Structural BC and Wildland ST working together and excellent work by team to save part of warehouse.

2. Douglas Complex; 7-10 to 13th

- a. Wildland Eng. ST; STL: Eastside & No Kitsap; with Eastside, Woodinville, King-20, Vashon, Pierce-16 & Orting Valley Tender.

Lessons learned: No reported issues at Mobe: just need to speed up reaction time and work on Communication with all parties.

3. Blue Creek; Walla-Walla, 7-19 to 24

- a. Structure Engine ST; STL's; SKF&R & No. Kitsap; with SFD x2, King-2, SKF&R, Bellevue & Vashon T
- b. Structure Engine ST; STL; Gig Harbor; with Bainbridge; Orting, Gig Harbor, Pierce 13 & Woodinville F & R

Lessons learned: The state called early with the proper request, some issues with Comm; s. once there could have deployed our own Communication unit. Need to communicate better with KC-ECC for updating of Share point and resource tracking, notify when Demob, etc.

4. I-90; George; 7-20 to 24

- a. Wildland Eng.; ST; STL: Key Pen; with Bothell, Woodinville, Eastside, King-20 & Gig Harbor with Tender from No. Kitsap.

Lessons learned: This fire was thought to be extinguished the day prior, no patrol or Fire watch and turned into state mobe; issue with Base camp and logistics, late set up and resources? Nice work by team to make short work of control & mop-up. Better communication with share point, Chiefs.

5. Deckerville, Matlock in Mason Co. 7-31 to 8-3 Mutual-aid then State mobe: (Travel to Sunrise Fire PC on 8-3 AM)

- a. Wildland engine ST; STL's; King-2 & Kent RFA; with King-20, Kent, Mountain View, Duval, Eastside & Vashon Tender.
- b. Two additional TFL requested on 8-1; Duval & Seattle PU and No Kitsap Type-6 added to replace Kent.

Lessons Learned: This requested started as a “12 hour MA” and red card not required for in Region response. The incident did turn into a State Mobe on the evening of day-1, and not all were prepared for overnight camping and proper equipment. Work on communication and always prepare for extend Ops, also Red Card recommended for best practice and at minimum shelter training and deployment. Nice work by crews to make it work, and most members had prior wildland experience. Some of these units returned on day-2 and the balance responded on day-3 to Sunrise fire in Puyallup.

6. Sunrise PC, Puyallup; 8-1 to 8-5; Wildland TF, Mutual aid then Mobe:

- a. 8-1; from 15:00 to 22:00; STL's: Burien & Kent RFA; with Kent, Maple-Valley, Enumclaw, Bothell, Woodinville, Kitsap Tender & Medic-6, SK.
- b. 8-2; from 13:00 to 22:00; STL; s Kent & VRFA; with Kent, Maple Valley, Woodinville, Bothell, Mason Co, No. Kitsap tender & M-13 with KCM-1.
- c. 8-3; 8-20:00 hrs.; Now State Mobe; STL's; Shutter added from Eastside, Added Br-78 (Day-3) from Kent, & B-46 (Conroy) as STL-T, and Strike team from Deckerville, Joe K (Burien) bumped to TFL, with units from Mountain View, King-20, Eastside & Duvall. (Deckerville)

Lessons learned; again this started for the 1st 2-days as Mutual-aid in the region, 12 hour deployments, no overnight camp set up and Red card not required. Turned to state mobe on day-3 and now Red cards, shelters required along with open task-book for STL-T. At this time, some resources were De-mobed and camp was eventually set up. Need to clarify minimum requirements and equipment for “Immediate need:” and Mutual-aid 12 hours or less? Better communication between State, Team and resources. ALS support & Camp issues>?

7. Hwy-8; Roosevelt; 8-5 to 10th

- a. Wildland engine ST; STL's Eastside x2; with King-20, King-44, Eastside, King-45, Mason-4 & No Kitsap Tender (units from Sunrise)

Lessons; Team worked well together and did good work, no on scene issues. Continue to work on regional, county, department communication for status and updates, SharePoint>?

8. Reach complex, then evolved to Chelan Complex; 8-14 to 8-28

- a. **Team # 1;** Wildland Eng. ST, STL; KCFD-2 (Joe K.) & Woodinville, (Jeff Smith) King-20, Vashon, Duval, Eastside & Woodinville & Eastside Tender
- b. **Team # 2;** Wildland TF; Woodinville (S Merritt) with Central Mason, Mason-4, North Mason, East Pierce, Orting & Duval Tender.
- c. **Team # 3;** Wildland TF; Type-1 & 6; STL's; Burien (Will S.) and SKF&R, with units from, Seattle, Southing, King-44, Pierce 16 & Gig Harbor tender.

Lessons learned: As mentioned with more than one ST/TF deployed from region, use a numbering system. Pre-load all resource Info: in Coordinators systems and Share point for large scale deployments such as these. Nice work by coordinators and crews to deploy quickly and coordination of teams & resources.

9. Stickpin, Curlew & Fruitland, 8-14 to 8-28>? Wildland TF:

- a. STL; Eastside F&R, with North Kitsap, Clallam-3, Eastside F&R, Thurston-16, Snow-26, Wahklakum-4 & Grays Harbor-2. SFD Type-6 & Vashon Tender added to Fruitland incident, on 8-18.

Lesson learned; At this point during the fire season, resource tracking was becoming a work in progress and multiple Regions were working together to create additional ST/TF such as this. Need to have back-up coordinators and tracking in place.

10. Okanogan Complex, including Twisp, Conconnely, Blue lake/lime belt & Nine mile from 8-19 to 9-1-15

- a. Type-1 Engine ST: STL: Kent RFA (JM) and Eastside F&R (Glen H) with units from; Seattle, Bellevue, Eastside, VRF&A and Kent also King Co M-130

Lessons learned; This was a Type-1 ST for Structure protection in the Omak area, Red cards not required, but recommended and shelters where needed and training provided (State of Emergency with Nat: guard deployed, etc.) Some confusion at arrival at incident base, 3-FS FF had just been lost in Twisp, so we were told to stand down. But soon conditions changed and winds picked up and the town of Omak was threaten, Team worked for the next 24-36 hours structure protection Omak Flats and Twisp area, continued operations next 10-12 days with hot spots, mop-up and point protection. Nice job by all crews to work efficiently and safely throughout the deployment to save structures and provide local assistance.

1. Call earlier, provide maps and briefing on arrival
2. Not much overhead support for the first 24-36 hours
3. Communications issues, provided own repeater
4. Re-assign team to complex as needed where Type-1 can be used.
5. Camp logistics and sleeping issues first few days.
6. Nice work by team, to be flexible and operate safely through out.

11. Upper Skagit Complex, Skagit County, 8-24 to 27th

- a. Wildland TF, Type-1 & 6; TFL; Renton & Skagit county Type-1 units from Renton & Port of Seattle along with Type-6 from Snow & Skagit county

Lessons learned; Some communications issues amongst teams from multiple counties/regions. Nice job to put team together to protect infrastructures in area. Continue to update Share point and have back up coordinators to keep communication flowing.

12. Tucannon, Dayton County 8-29 to 9-2-15

- a. Wildland engine ST (See Team-1 from Chelan complex)

STL; KCFD-2 (Joe K.) & Woodinville, (Jeff Smith)

King-20, Vashon, Duval, Eastside & Woodinville & Eastside Tende

Lessons learned: Again, continue to track resources, share-point and have back up coordinators.

Note: This list does not include local and mutual aid brush & wildland fires with in each zone or neighboring Zones. It also does not include any DNR request or single resources such as; Tenders, EMT's, Paramedics and Communication unit personnel

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