

Strike Team Response

Task force responses are a mixed complement of apparatus and a Command Officer that can be implemented as an additional alarm at an ongoing incident or as a move-up to an area depleted of equipment. These units can be dispatched to any location inside King County but not within Zone 1. Units are dispatched emergency response to a staging area.

How to Process a Task Force/Strike Team Request for out of zone units to respond to Zone 1

When an Incident Commander makes a request for a Task Force or Strike Team for one of our calls, you should do the following:

1. Clarify what type of response they are looking for (a strike team of engines, an EMS task force, etc.).
2. Call the requested zone to see if they are able to send the requested resources.
3. Take note of the units they are able to send, and note the response in the already existing call. If the unit is in TriTech, dispatch them on the call as well. Remember, each agency has their own run cards and policies to follow, so you are not necessarily going to be able to call and say "I need a strike team of 5 engines." Instead, you'd request an Engine strike team and the responding zone would advise that they are able to send four engines and a battalion chief.
4. Make sure a patch is set up if needed for the responding units.
5. Communicate the anticipated response to the Incident Commander so they can issue further instructions if needed.

How to Process a Task Force/Strike Team Request for our Zone 1 units to respond out of Zone

Requests for Strike Teams and/or Task Forces are considered automatic mutual aid and should be dispatched immediately by the CR and dispatcher receiving the request, unless you've been otherwise directed in advance.

CALL RECEIVER:

1. **Create a new CFS.**
2. **Address the call by typing "strike" or "task" into the address bar and tabbing off.** Three options will appear for each of the two choices. Choose "North" for Snohomish county, "Seattle" for Seattle and "South" for Valleycom. For requests outside of SNOCOM, SNO PAC, Seattle Fire or ValleyComm - refer to the supervisor/consult with the Zone Coordinator.
3. **In call type, choose the call they are requesting. Options include: Strike Team - Aid (BLS) , Strike Team - Engine, Strike Team - Ladder, Strike Team - Medic (ALS), Strike Team - Tender, Task Force - Decon, Task Force - EMS, Task Force - Structural Fire.**
4. **Get a phone number for a point of contact** for the Team Leader to call.
5. **If they are being requested to a specific incident, get a radio talkgroup assignment and make sure a patch is set up.** The agency requesting the response (NOT US) should be setting up any necessary patches.

DISPATCHER

1. Choose “FDISP2” as the Primary Tac Channel.**2. Initial Assign.**

These response plans are designed to pull units from around the zone, so as not to deplete a single agency/department. DO NOT overthink this and try to find the “closest” units or the “fastest.” Follow the suggestions given.

3. Use the predetermined staging location from the premise note in the narrative. The units should be travelling together as a group into the next zone. Consider where the units are going.

4. When Units go enrt, give them the staging location. The BC assigned to the response will assume Task Force Leader and will need to contact the dispatch center requesting them to determine where they will respond.

5. Notify NORCOM supervisor**OZSOP UNIT (Reminder)**

- **Call the Zone 1 Coordinator** to advise
- **Send a Zone 1 all page.** The page string shall **begin and end** with the phrases “ADVISORY ONLY”
- Example ~ (**ADVISORY ONLY**, StrikeTeam sent to Seattle for Commercial Structure Fire, **ADVISORY ONLY**)

RECAP: For Task Force/Strike Team Requests

Send a ZONE 1 ALL Page (phrase “advisory only” at **beginning & end of page string**) and call the ZONE 1 Coordinator for any of the following:

- A request for a Strike Team/Task Force response into Zone 1
- A request for Zone 1 resources to be sent to another zone (Strike Team or Task Force)
- A request for an EOC representative to respond to the King County EOC from Zone 1

Use Tri Tech Paging Group to send Zone 1 All Page (EG Information Task Force sent to Seattle)

ASSEMBLY (STAGING) LOCATIONS**PRE-DETERMINED ASSEMBLY POINTS FOR “INSIDE” KING COUNTY:**

Zone 1: I-90 @ Exit 13: to East King County

8800 Block Points DR NE to Zone 5 (Seattle): 8800 Block Points DR NE (WB520 to 92nd Exit, go around traffic circle, head south on 92, WB on Points DR stage at 8800 blk.)

Exit 9 & I-405 to Zone 3: South King County.

Zone 3: Renton Station # 14 to Zone 1

Eastside Maple Valley Station # 81

Eastside Tukwila Station # 51 to Zone 5: Seattle

Zone 5: None; determined by Seattle Fire Alarm Center at time of request.

PRE-DETERMINED ASSEMBLY POINTS FOR DESTINATIONS “OUTSIDE” KING COUNTY:

Zone 1: Bothell Station #45 to Zone 9 or Zone 10 in Snohomish County.

Zone 3: VRFA Station 31: for responses to Zone 6
Pierce County SKFR Station 64 for responses to any other Pierce County Zones
Maple Valley Station 81 for responses to Eastern Washington or Zone 1

Zone 5: None; determined by Seattle Fire Alarm Center at time of request.

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