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HAMILTON COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS Situational Awareness Notification Policy

PURPOSE/ INTENT

Intent:

To provide a systematic notification to fire department staff of an active emergency incident.

This notification page is intended to initiate situational awareness to Fire Departments'

Command Staff. The intent is to provide relevant information to all Hamilton County Fire

agencies. This raises the awareness level of department in case other emergency events develop.

Platform:

We will be using Active Alert (911) to provide notifications. This platform allows the user to change the alerting method on their mobile device. Additionally, members can choose to receive notifications in the "Working Fire" and "Special Operations" groups. If the member wishes not to receive notifications, they can select "off-duty" with the Active Alert platform.

We will still utilize current notification systems that are in place. I.e., Rave Notification. In addition, there may be an opportunity to utilize other systems like BRYX or FlowMSP and can be managed through HCCC.

Groups:**Fire Chiefs Page:**

This group will be notified through Active Alert when the following emergency incident occurs.

Greater Alarms 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

Activation of the following specialized resources;

- Hamilton County USAR
- Command 400
- Greater Cincinnati Hazardous Materials
- Mass Casualty Incident
- Any time a Fire Chief or Hamilton County Communications Center believes there is a need to notify this group.
- Airport Incident

Working Fire Group:

This notification will be made when a resource or incident commander has declared a "working fire," command request, Incident Support Team Member or 2nd alarm. If HCCC monitors the fire ground traffic and hears the transmission of radio traffic that indicates that action is being taken by assigned resources to mitigate a fire in a structure. HCCC has been advised to err on the side

of sending the notification rather than not. It is only a heads up for Hamilton County fire agencies

This notification's intent is for a Chief, Duty Chief, District Chief, or an on-duty OIC.

Special Operations Group:

This notification will be made automatically with the initial dispatch of all technical rescue dispatches.

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Incident Support Team:

The Incident Support Team will be notified of all greater alarms to allocate resources as move-ups for **regional coverage**. This group will be in communications with HCCC to coordinate resources being moved to a geographical location. Regional coverage is meant to provide resources for a geographic section of Hamilton County that has their units committed to an emergency thus providing services in case the need should arise.