



# HAMILTON COUNTY

## *Fire Chiefs Association*

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## Incident Support Team

### Purpose

The purpose of this Standard Operating Guideline is to establish general information and guidelines for the Hamilton County Incident Support Team (IST) is to provide geographically or regional support to municipalities that have no fire or EMS coverage due to an emergency incident within their and/or a neighboring community. These incidents can include but are not limited to:

- Two alarms or greater structure fires.
- Large scale technical rescue.
- Mass casualty incident.
- Active Threat incident.
- Major incidents (USAR, Haz-Mat, etc.).
- Prolonged Incident with resources unavailable to respond to other emergencies.
- Anytime the Incident Commander (IC) requests a move-up to a fire station.

The primary mission of the IST is to relocate fire and EMS resources to depleted areas due to large-scale or prolonged emergency incidents. So that Fire/EMS services can still maintain a reasonable response time to other Fire/EMS emergencies. This group comprises Chief Officers and support staff from departments with a specific interest in being a part of the group.

### Scope

This guideline applies to all Hamilton County fire departments during large-scale or prolonged incidents throughout Hamilton County. Or Mutual Aid to our surrounding counties in the event of an incident that has a significant impact on Hamilton County Fire/EMS resources.

### Policy/Guideline

This guideline is intended to provide support for all fire departments in Hamilton County, Ohio. The goal is to strategically move fire and EMS units around the county when large-scale or prolonged



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incidents occur, to ensure there are fire and EMS units available to respond to additional emergencies for the residents of Hamilton County.

When these large-scale or prolonged incidents occur a significant amount of emergency services in Hamilton County may be committed to the incident, which leaves minimal resources available to respond to additional emergency calls. The IST will work collaboratively with Hamilton County Emergency Communications Center (HCECC) to strategically move units to the proper fire station(s) to evenly distribute resources during these emergency incidents.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Incident Support Team reports directly to the Hamilton County Fire Chief's Association Communication Committee. The IST will work closely with HCECC to ensure there is a procedure to effectively complete the move-up process.

This procedure will include the following:

- A current list of departments who are willing to have their units move up to other jurisdictions.
- A current list of units that can be moved up.
  - **Both lists above shall be updated annually in January by the IST.**
- When the IST will be activated.
- How the IST will be activated.
- The roles and responsibilities of the IST.
- The roles and responsibilities of HCECC.