

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- On incidents in the roadway all units should park on the same side of the road if possible.

PROTOCOL:

LEVEL 1 STAGING: (specific pre-plan staging mandates will supersede this plan)

- Applies to **ALL** multi-company responses.
- First company respond to the scene directly and position for the best advantage.
- All other units will stage:
 - In their direction of travel
 - Uncommitted
 - +/- 1 block out but strongly consider **NOT** passing the last hydrant.
 - Positioned for maximum tactical advantage with regard to access, approach, water supply, etc.
 - Report unit number, staged status, and location.
 - Stay off the air unless an unreasonable amount of time has elapsed.

LEVEL 2 STAGING:

- Utilized on large complex incidents where an on-scene reserve of companies is desired.
- When Level 2 staging is established all companies still responding will proceed to that location. Companies in Level 1 staging will stay there.
- Specific designated location identified by the Incident Commander. Consider:
 - Away from the ICP and the scene far enough to allow for apparatus to gather and maneuver safely. Also should allow for a variety of scene approach options.
- It is helpful to establish Level 2 Staging Area prior to calling for additional alarms so those companies can be advised at the time of dispatch.
- First arriving company or staff officer in the Staging Area is the STAGING OFFICER, unless advised otherwise. In some cases the IC may assign a company to scout and establish the Level 2 Staging Area.
- When responding to a Level 2 Staging Area stay on the dispatch channel and monitor ops channel(s).
- Upon arrival in staging - crews should stay together and turn-off your emergency lights.

STAGING AREA OFFICER:

Designator – “STAGING”

Reports to IC or OPS if established

1. Responding companies will report their arrival in staging on the DISPATCH FREQUENCY.
2. When requested by IC, “STAGING” will verbally assign the appropriate company to report to the specific assignment provided by the IC. Tell the assigned company:
 - a. Where to go
 - b. Whom to report to
 - c. Specific frequency assignments
3. Advise IC which company has been assigned.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Establish staging area lay-out
2. Establish check in as appropriate
3. Fill the request from IC
4. Report specific unit assignments to IC
5. Request maintenance assistance for staged units
6. Determine support needs for staged units:
 - a. Food
 - b. Sanitation
 - c. Security
7. Mark and identify the staging area if necessary
8. Advise IC if resources available in staging are becoming limited so the IC may order more resources if necessary.
9. Handle demobilization in accordance with plan from IC