

Area C - XLC

STEN – STRIKE TEAM LEADER REFRESHER

Strike Team Leader Refresher

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Area C - Coordination

- ⦿ Verdugo Fire is the coordination point for 11 cities for Fire / EMS
 - MTB coordination is handled by Area E
- ⦿ Verdugo has the best overview of available resources systemwide for the area
- ⦿ A minimum of two Type I Strike Teams can be dispatched and on the road within 1 hour

Area C - Coordination

- ⦿ A third team can be formed up and dispatched within 4 hours; still allowing for key stations to be covered in the area
- ⦿ Regardless of team formation, authorization to deploy is required from the Area C Coordinator or their designee
 - Or when a team is relocated to another incident other than the initial dispatch
- ⦿ Region I understands there are two teams available at any given time, but authorization to release and dispatch is still needed prior

Area C – Strike Team Policy

- Current policy can be found at:

<http://www.unified-response.org/authorized>

- Last revised: June 29, 2010 and adopted by Area C Fire Chief's

Area C – Strike Team Policy

Distance

- Any location within Region I
- 250 Mile Maximum beyond Area C
 - Beyond 250 miles, requires Agency Fire Chief approval; a lack of response from the Fire Chief is indicative that they decline to allow their resources beyond the limit.

Area C – Strike Team Policy

⦿ Polling Requests

- Verdugo will perform a Systemwide Notification indicating that Region I is polling for available resources; it is not a dispatch and serves only as an advisory situation
 - All available information from the incident is also sent
 - No need to contact dispatch

⦿ Response

- Immediate Need
- Planned Need
- 2 Teams are generally always available
- Area C Coordinator = GLN Fire Chief Scoggins

Area C – Strike Team Policy

◎ Response

- Immediate Need
- Dispatch verbiage shall include “This is an immediate need response – people/structures threatened – respond directly to the incident”
 - Units are dispatched immediately, using closest available resources to the location of the incident, regardless of sign-up or configuration.
 - Resources must be Enroute within 10 minutes of dispatch; there is no form up!
 - Resources assigned will be to the extent that no single agency is depleted of their key stations or key stations remain filled.
 - STL coordinates arrival point with all units

Area C – Strike Team Policy

◎ Response

- Immediate Need – Within Verdugo System
 - Unified Response applies
 - Request additional alarm levels until Verdugo advises the system has been maximized
 - Initial and subsequent alarms are Initial Attack and request numbers are not issued!
 - Exceptions:
 - If needed for span of control, Team Numbering can be issued (not existing numbers); request numbers are not issued!
 - If incident is expected to involve a State of Emergency declaration (FMAG situation)
 - Initial Attack remains on the incident until released by the I.C.

Area C – Strike Team Policy

⦿ Response

• Planned Need

- Units shall be Enroute within 30 minutes immediately following dispatch notice.
- Safety briefings are conducted at the pre-designated form-up locations found in the policy.
- Staging/form-up is designated by Verdugo.
- STEN Leader and Trainees shall communicate daily as to where both shall meet in event of a dispatch.

Area C – Strike Team Policy

◎ Response

• Planned Need

- STEN (Leader or Trainee) shall supply Verdugo with all contact phone numbers for each resource and a list of personnel for each.
- Verdugo shall supply all necessary information as available; there are times when a team is launched and information will follow – i.e., E #

Area C – Strike Team Policy

⦿ Response

• Planned Need

○ Form-up Locations:

- Burbank Fire Station 11
- Glendale Fire Station 21
- Pasadena Fire Station 33
- Alhambra Fire Station 71
- Arcadia Fire Station 105

Strike Team Composition

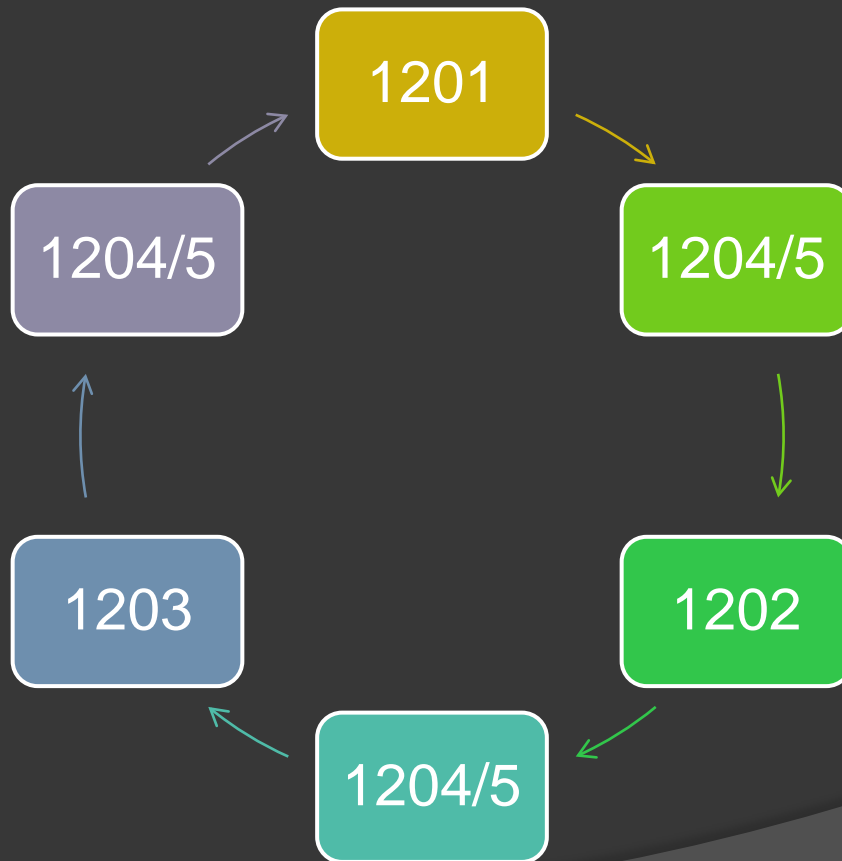
- A Type I Strike Team shall be composed of five (5) triple combination pumpers and one (1) qualified Strike Team Leader.
 - A limit of five (5) engines and one (1) command vehicle; support vehicles and utility vehicles are strictly prohibited
- Enclosed cabs only!
- Able to pump 1,000 gallons per minute; 500 gallons per minute “heavy stream”
- 400-gallon tank
- 1,200 feet of 2 ½” hose – or larger
- 400 feet of 1 ½” hose or 1 ¾” hose
- 200 feet of 1” hose
- 20 – 24 foot extension ladder
- 4 Personnel – Captain, Engineer, Firefighter, Firefighter

Strike Team Formation

- ① 1201-A (BRK-GLN-GLN-PAS-PAS) – BRK Leader
 - ① 1202-A (BRK-BRK-GLN-PAS-PAS) – GLN Leader
 - ① 1203-A (BRK-BRK-GLN-GLN-PAS) – PAS Leader
 - ① 1204-A (ALH-ARC-MPK-SGB-SPS) – Rotational
 - ① 1205-A (ALH-ARC-MPK-MRV-SNM) – Rotational
- ALH may be recommended but not dispatched on two teams at same time
 - SPS & SNM shall not be dispatched on two teams at same time
 - SNM & SGB shall not be dispatched on two teams at same time

Strike Team Rotation

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- ◎ Strike Team Rotation
 - Please refer to the policy for substitution scenarios
- ◎ Strike Team Leader/Trainee Rotation
 - Please refer to the policy for substitution scenarios.
- ◎ Verdugo staff have latitude and authorization to substitute as necessary based on situational necessity and availability of resources = "Big picture"

Strike Team Numbering

- ◉ Verdugo maintains Team Numbering 1200-1239
- ◉ What do they mean? XLC-1201-A
 - XLC = Area or Agency
 - X = A team comprised of a number of agencies within one (1) team
 - L = The team is from Los Angeles County
 - C = The team is from Area C
 - 1 = Region I
 - 2 = Area or Agency
 - 01 = Grouped resource number
 - 201 = Represents the team number (202, 203, 204, 205)
 - A = Kind and Type [Type I Engines]

Strike Team – CALEMA Resource

- Area C also has resources strategically placed and owned by CALEMA (California Emergency Management Agency)
 - Engine 341 (Type II) - Stationed at MRV 101
 - Engine 343 (Type I) - Stationed at ARC 105
 - Engine 281 (Type I)- Stationed at SMD 41
 - Water Tender 11 (Type III) - Stationed at GLN 29
 - Note that E281 is not a SPS engine!
 - Note that WT11 is not a BRK water tender!

Strike Team – CALEMA Resource

- Team numbering is assigned by Region I
- At minimum, a CALEMA Team is comprised of five (5) Type III fire engines
- Verdugo normally serves as coordination point for these resources
 - The CALEMA Strike Team from Area C will utilize three (3) engines, if available; the balance coming from Areas B, E, G, or F

Region I Coordination/Identifiers

Area Identifiers	County/Agency Coordinator
Area A – XLA	Los Angeles City Fire Comm.
Area B – XLB	Los Angeles County Fire Comm.
Area C – XLC	Verdugo Fire Communications
Area E – XLE	Downey Fire Communications
Area F – XLF	Long Beach Fire Communications
Area G – XLG	Torrance Fire Communications
XOR – Orange County	Orange County Fire Department
XSL – San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo County Fire Dept.
XSB – Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.
XVE – Ventura	Ventura County Fire Department

INC-209

- ◎ What is it?
 - An incident summary for Wildland fires and large scale incidents.
- ◎ When is it triggered?
 - Working and significant incidents.
- ◎ Who maintains it?
 - Verdugo initiates up until a management team is in place and takes over.
 - Updated twice a day in conjunction with I.C.

INC-209

ICS-209 Form - Windows Internet Explorer

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Online Documents ICS-209 Form

Incident Intelligence Summary (ICS-209)

1: Date 10/17/2002		2: Time 1800		3: Initial Update Final XX		4: Incident Number WA OLS 036		5: Incident Name OLYMPIC COMPLEX							
6: Incident Type Wildland Fire		7: Start Date Time 10/15/2002 0000		8: Cause Human		9: Incident Commander JOHNSON		10: IMT Type 2		11: State-Unit WA-OLS					
12: County CLALLAM		13: Latitude and Longitude Lat: 48° 8' 48" Long: 124° 23' 32"				14: Short Location Description (in reference to nearest town): 15 miles West of Clallam Bay, WA									
Current Situation															
15: Size/Area Involved 420 ACRES		16: % Contained or MMA 40 Percent		17: Expected Containment Date: Time:		18: Line to Build		19: Costs to Date \$300,000		20: Declared Controlled Date: Time:					
21: Injuries Today:			22: Fatalities			23: Structure Information									
24: Threat to Human Life/Safety: Evacuation(s) in progress ---- No evacuation(s) imminent -- Potential future threat ----- No likely threat ----- XX						Type of Structure		# Threatened		# Destroyed					
						Residence									
						Commercial Property									
Outbuilding/Other															
25: Fuels/Materials Involved Light to Heavy slash, and timber						26: Resources threatened (kind(s) and value/significance): Timber									
27: Current Weather Conditions Wind Speed: 5 mph Temperature: 62 Wind Direction: nw Relative Humidity: 50						28: Resource benefits/objectives (for prescribed/wildland fire use only):									
29: Today's observed fire behavior (leave blank for non-fire events): smoldering,creeping															
30: Significant events today (closures, evacuations, significant progress made, etc.): burnout to secure lines built. Crews and equipment effective in constructing fireline															
31: Committed Resources															
Agency	CRW1		CRW2		HEL1	HEL2	HEL3	ENGS		OVHD	DOZR		WTDR	Camp Crews	Total Personnel
	SR	ST	SR	ST	SR	SR	SR	SR	ST	SR	SR	ST	SR		
BIA			1					1		2					13
BLM										1					1
ST			21					14		58					336
USFS										16					16
PRI						2	1	3		10			1		26
NPS								1		5					8
CNTY								7		1			2		17
Total	0	0	22	0	0	2	1	26	0	93	0	0	3	0	417

FMAG

- ⦿ What is it?
 - Is the Fire Management Assistance Grant process for requesting Federal financial aid to a local government incident for control of a fire or large-scale incident. Requested through local government to CALEMA; from CALEMA to FEMA.
- ⦿ When is it triggered?
 - Working and significant incidents. Threshold is currently: \$2.3M
- ⦿ Who initiates it?
 - Verdugo/Agency initiation in conjunction with I.C. and Fire Chief.
- ⦿ Watchouts!
 - Must match INC-209 information.
 - Must match any follow-up phone calls; ensure phone number and related individuals for contact are aware of the FMAG/INC-209 information.
 - Ensure it actually is delivered and within reasonable timeframe!

CICCS

- ① California Incident Command and Certification System
- ① Area C Policy – anyone responding out of the Verdugo System, is required to be vetted through the CICCS-300 Level Committee and have Fire Chief approval.
 - Agency Training Chief Officer sits on 300-Level Committee
- ① Only qualified/vetted staff are entered into ROSS by Verdugo, upon committee approval.

ROSS - Resource Ordering & Status System

- ⦿ National Database for ordering of Equipment, Aircraft, Supplies, Overhead
- ⦿ Only certified staff in Verdugo can enter data or make requests via ROSS.
- ⦿ Complicated database; used 90% of time by CA agencies.
- ⦿ Verdugo serves as “gatekeeper” to entries and data.
- ⦿ Verdugo can only see own incidents and resources; if incident is outside the system, can only see those resources assigned – not the incident details...

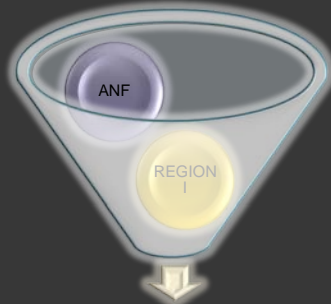
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- ◉ Verdugo maintains a separate mirrored “CICCS” database in the event that ROSS is not available.
- ◉ Verdugo is “Ordering Point” for incidents and resources within Area C.
 - ANF – Incident Management Team Staff
 - LAC (Region I) – Single Resource (Named Requests / Shopping List), Strike Teams
- ◉ In the Verdugo “catalog” – 80 qualified or trainees, for up to 375 “positions”.

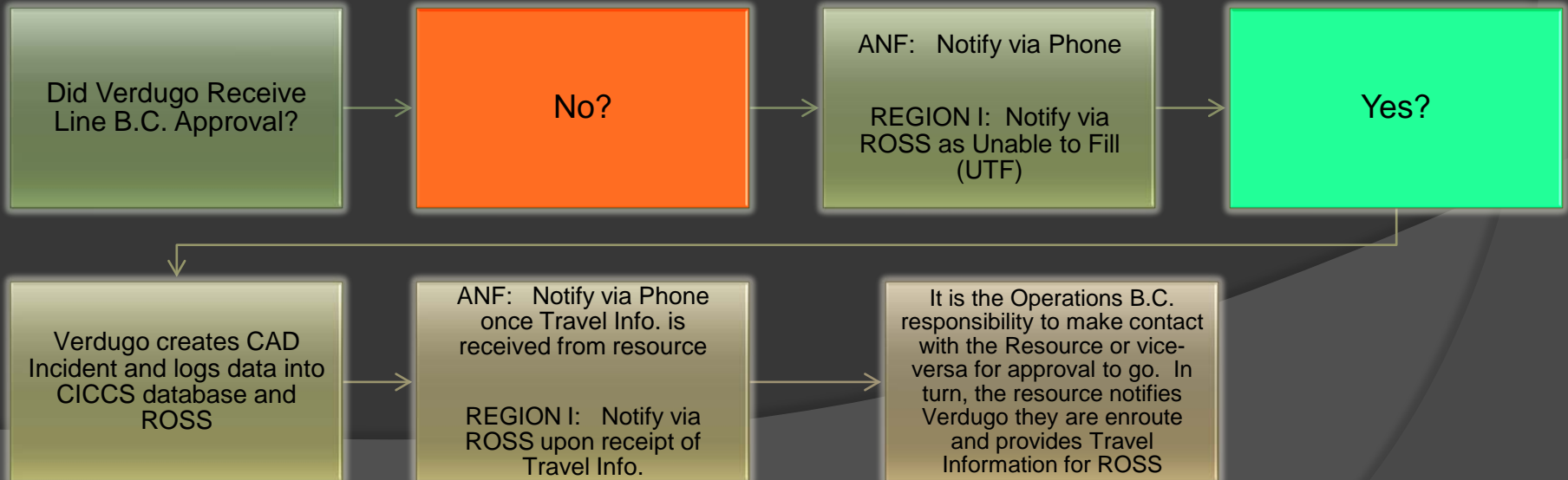
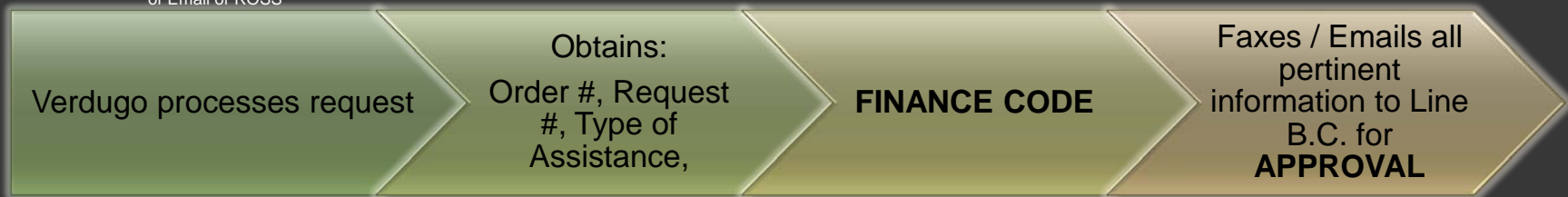
ROSS - Resource Ordering & Status System

- Single Resource (Overhead = O#) Requests
 - “Named” or “Shopped”
- Verdugo workflow process (handout)
 - Request received from ANF or Region I
 - Resource must already be in ROSS!
 - Finance code necessary prior to anyone being contacted.
 - Approval needed by Operations B.C.
 - Agency must know/understand their own contracts
 - Operations B.C. given information for resource.
 - Resource then contacts Verdugo with travel information.
 - This closes loop.
 - Verdugo enters/updates data into ROSS.
- Resource should only initiate contact with Verdugo after approval process and only then with travel information. Please do not contact Verdugo with “pre-alert” of possible incoming request; Verdugo cannot act on any information until a formal request is received and subsequently approved.

ROSS - Resource Ordering & Status System



Request is received via FAX or Email or ROSS



TICP – Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan

- ⦿ Most recent communications plan:
 - UHF plan adopted in 2008
 - VHF plan adopted in 2009
- ⦿ Review the VHF communications plan!
- ⦿ Always, know who is working around or with you at the incident and how to communicate with them either by radio or by cell!

TICP – Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan

- Mobile/Portables
 - At minimum programmed with VHF Plan Groups 1,2, and 3

- Frequency Assignments
 - **Immediate –**
 - Assigned a single Trunked Talkgroup until going on-scene/staging.
 - STL monitor/remain on RED1 as long as possible.
 - Report time of departure/onscene to Verdugo
 - Form-up prior to onscene at incident/staging

 - **Planned –**
 - Assigned a Travel Channel
 - FDUMA (487.2375) or CESRS Direct (153.7550)
 - STL monitor/remain on RED1 as long as possible.
 - Report time of departure/onscene to Verdugo

- At incident make contact with agency on assigned freq.

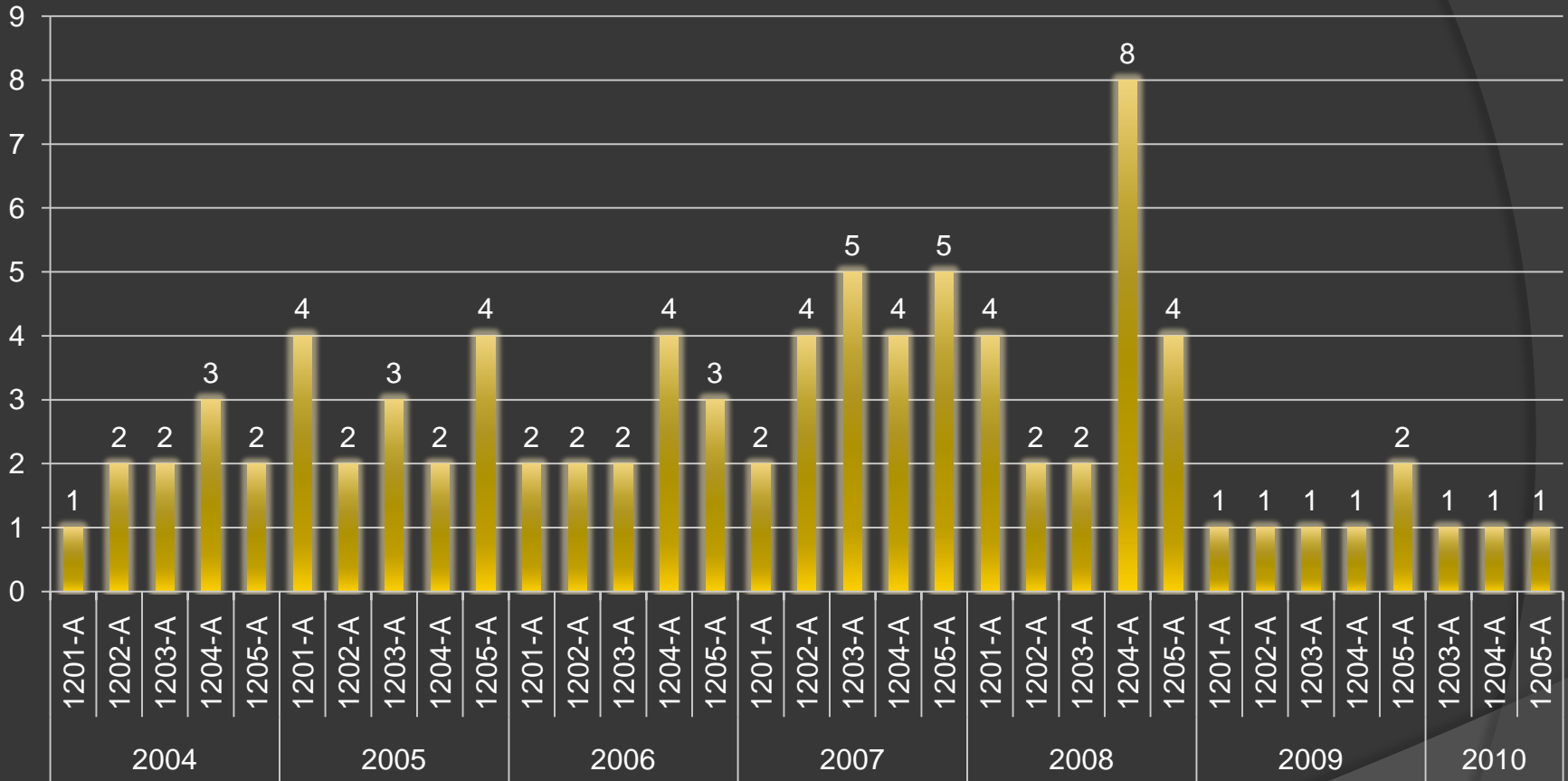
Standing Orders

◎ STEN Leaders and Single Resource

- Check-in twice per day at minimum directly with Verdugo at (818) 956-4800.
 - Preferably every six hours.
 - Updates shall consist of team status, conditions of incident, and team activity within the incident.
 - Information is critical to Stakeholders (City Managers, Fire Chief's, City Council, etc.)
 - **Control the flow of information...**
- Single Resource at least once per day to the extent possible.
- Coordinate your “meet points” with Trainees.
 - Not all Trainees will be immediately adjacent to the STEN Leader location.
 - This is especially critical due when Immediate Need is launched!

Activity

Area C Strike Team Deployment - 1200 Series - CY-2004-2010

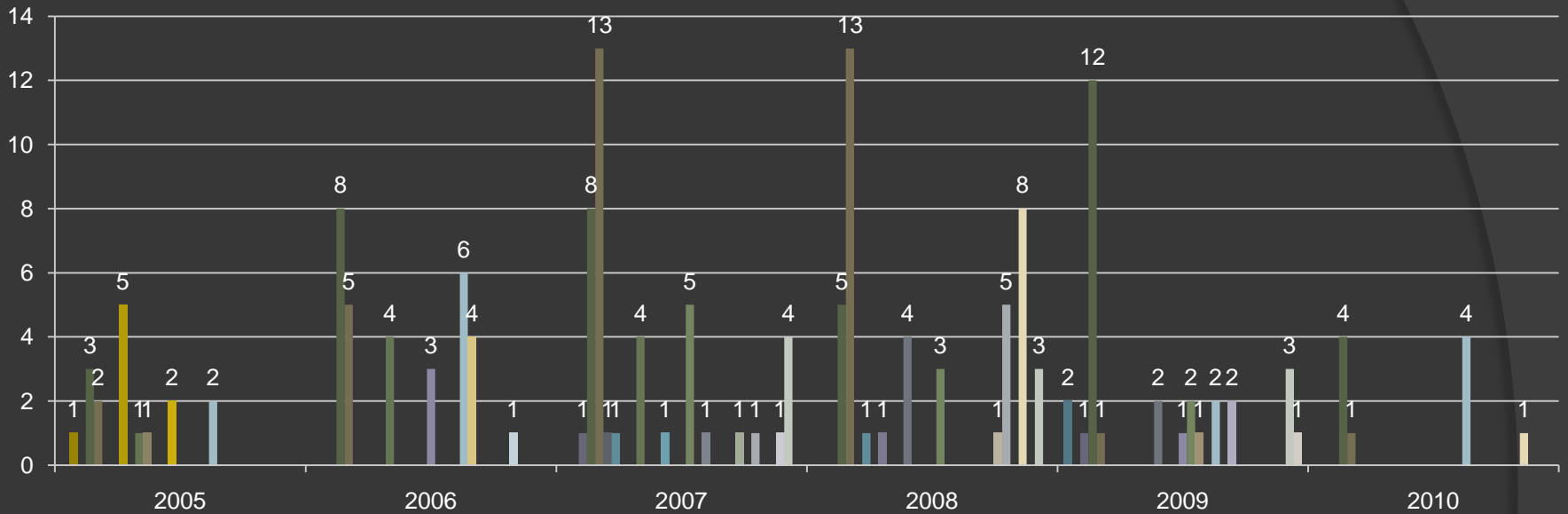


Activity

CALEMA Strike Team Deployment 1800 Series - CY-2004-2010



Activity



- Agency Representative
- Crew Boss (Single Resource)
- EMT - Basic
- Facilities Unit Leader
- GIS Specialist
- Planning Section Chief Type 2
- Resource Unit Leader
- Safety Officer - Fire Line (Trainee)
- Structure Protection Specialist
- Technical Specialist
- Base Camp Manager
- Division/Group Supervisor
- EMT - Intermediate
- Field Observer
- IST Safety Officer
- Public Information Officer Type 2 (Trainee)
- Resource Unit Leader - (Trainee)
- Safety Officer Type 2
- Supply Unit Leader (Trainee)
- Training Specialist
- Chief Officer
- Division/Group Supervisor (Trainee)
- Expanded Dispatch Recorder (Trainee)
- Fire Line EMT
- Logistics Section Chief 2
- Receiving/Distribution Manager (Trainee)
- Safety Officer - Fire Line
- Status/Check-In Recorder
- Task Force Leader

QUESTIONS?