

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION**

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**PROCEDURE**

Revision No. 3

**BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY**

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Procedure Title: **Field Details - Response**

**1.0 PURPOSE:**

- 1.1 This procedure applies to the emergency response of Firefighters assigned to field details.
- 1.2 The Fire/Rescue Group's highest priority is to provide emergency services. Non-emergency field services are important and are to be provided but not if there is an emergency response in progress.

**2.1 RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 2.1 The Duty Captain is responsible for maintaining a level of emergency response preparedness consistent with policies established by Laboratory management.
- 2.2 Firefighters have the responsibility to be available for immediate emergency response at all times, or to specifically notify the Duty Captain when not available.
- 2.3 The Watch is responsible for recording all field details in the Watch Room Log Book.
- 2.4 Firefighters on field details are to be available at all times for emergency responses and are to immediately respond to all such emergency response calls. Firefighters are not to be knowingly assigned to field details where they would be unable to respond to emergencies.

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### **3.0 DEFINITIONS:**

3.1 Field Details are any non-emergency activities engaged in by members of the Fire/ Rescue Group which take them away from the immediate vicinity of the Firehouse. These may be either official work assignments or personal activities.

### **4.0 PREREQUISITES**

None

### **5.0 PRECAUTIONS**

None

### **6.0 PROCEDURE:**

#### 6.1 Response To Emergencies

- 6.1.1 The alert tone shall be activated and all emergency responses are to be announced over the fire frequency by the Watch.
- 6.1.2 Emergency responses are to be again announced over the fire frequency by the Duty Captain or the Fire Lieutenant while en route to the emergency.
- 6.1.3 Firefighters on field details on hearing an emergency response, are to confirm receipt of the alarm by radio with the Watch or Duty Captain and immediately respond in accordance with the direction of the Duty Fire Captain.
- 6.1.4 If the work detail is a fire watch, the Firefighter is to instruct the operating group to immediately suspend cutting, welding, or other "hot" work until the return of the fire watch. The workers are to then act as fire watch for the period of time specified on the Cutting/Welding Permit.
- 6.1.5 The Duty Captain is to inform the Fire Chief of any occasions where field details did not respond to alarms. All such occasions are to be recorded in the Watch Room Logbook.

#### 6.2 Vehicles:

- 6.2.1 Firefighters on field details are to be assigned a Fire/Rescue Group vehicle so that they are able to immediately respond on their own to emergency calls. They are not to depend upon the availability of a vehicle from another group for this response.

#### 6.3 Radios:

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6.3.1 Firefighters on field details shall have a portable radio at all times.

6.4 Personal Protective Equipment:

6.4.1 Firefighters on field details are to place their assigned personal turnout gear in the Rescue truck or vehicle being used on detail, prior to leaving the firehouse.

6.5 Logging:

6.5.1 For all field details the Watch is to record in the logbook; the detail, personnel assigned, time out, and time completed.

6.6 Physical Training

6.6.1 Personnel performing physical fitness activities are to adhere to the requirements of this procedure. Where assignment of a vehicle and radio contact is impractical (for example, jogging), this activity is to take place within hearing distance of fire headquarters.

**7.0 IMPLEMENTATION AND TRAINING**

**8.0 REFERENCES**

None

**9.0 ATTACHMENTS**

None