

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, August 30, 2019 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (181 new fires)
New large incidents:	7
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires:***	14
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

Nationally, there are 36 large fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

*** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

One IMT 1 (NR Team 2) and two Type 1 hand crews have mobilized in support of Hurricane Dorian ESF #4 recovery efforts and are awaiting assignments from FEMA.

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

Link to Understanding the IMSR.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	7	179,361	48	57	21	1,678
NWCC	5	57,877	22	17	7	989
ONCC	3	2,531	35	42	4	895
OSCC	3	5,154	5	8	4	323
NRCC	12	6,670	3	34	6	240
GBCC	19	41,570	17	42	11	739
SWCC	9	36,681	11	26	5	521
RMCC	4	14,065	12	40	11	620
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	13	37,505	0	38	1	331
Total	75	381,414	153	304	70	6,336

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires:	1
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Swan Lake, Kenai Kodiak Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 1 (GB Team 1). IMT is also managing the Caribou Lake incident. Started on FWS land five miles northeast of Sterling, AK. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with group torching, backing and running. The communities of Sterling and Cooper Landing and numerous structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Caribou Lake, Kenai-Kodiak Area, Alaska DOF. Seven miles northwest of Fox River, AK. Heavy logging slash, timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

McKinley, Mat-Su Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (AK Green Team). IMT 2 (NR Team 7) mobilizing. Started on private land 18 miles north of Willow, AK. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and single tree torching. Numerous residences threatened.

Deshka Landing, Mat-Su Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (NW Team 10). Seven miles southwest of Willow, AK. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Tokaina 2, Valdez-Copper River Area, Alaska DOF. Previously reported incident. Thirty-two miles southwest of Glennallen, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with flanking, backing and torching. Structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Tokaina Creek**, Valdez-Cooper River Area, Alaska DOF. Twenty-three miles southwest of Glennallen, AK. Timber, hardwood slash and dormant brush. Active fire behavior with backing, running and creeping. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Tokaina 3**, Valdez-Cooper River Area, Alaska DOF. Twenty-seven miles southwest of Glennallen, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with torching, flanking and creeping. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Swan Lake	AK-KKS	161,921	1,888	27	Comp	9/15	740	27	21	28	7	0	33.9M	FWS
Caribou Lake	AK-KKS	904	0	57	Ctn	9/4	79	0	3	0	0	0	1.3M	ST
McKinley	AK-MSS	3,316	0	78	Ctn	10/1	564	-7	14	28	10	138	6.8M	PRI
Deshka Landing	AK-MSS	1,318	0	80	Ctn	8/31	230	-1	7	1	3	0	2.3M	ST
Tokaina 2	AK-CRS	4,980	1,671	0	Comp	9/30	3	0	0	0	1	0	596K	ST
* Tokaina Creek	AK-CRS	823	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	13K	ST
* Tokaina 3	AK-CRS	156	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Levelock	AK-SWS	6,863	0	5	Comp	9/1	62	0	3	0	0	0	1M	TRI
Ethel Creek	AK-SWS	18,126	---	0	Comp	9/1	8	---	0	0	0	0	15K	ST

SWS – Southwest Area, Alaska DOF

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires: 15
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Vivian, Texas A&M Forest Service. IMT 1 (SA Red Team). IMT is also managing the Copper Breaks incident. Started on private land three miles west of Crowell, TX. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Copper Breaks, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land six miles south of Quanah, TX. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

* **Wyatt**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land four miles south of Odem, TX. Tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Vivian	TX-TXS	12,021	0	98	Ctn	8/30	84	8	0	14	0	0	1.8M	PRI
Copper Breaks	TX-TXS	7,206	0	99	Ctn	8/30	92	-12	0	4	0	0	2.6M	PRI
* Wyatt	TX-TXS	411	---	95	Ctn	8/30	18	---	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 55
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

204 Cow, Malheur NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NW Team 9). Seventeen miles southwest of Unity, OR. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and group torching. Structures threatened. Area and road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
204 Cow	OR-MAF	5,516	1,735	5	Comp	10/15	603	13	12	9	4	0	4.4M	FS
163 HK Complex	OR-UMF	2,705	0	100	Ctn	---	15	0	0	1	0	0	6.6M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Granite Gulch	OR-WWF	5,200	400	0	Comp	10/31	15	0	0	0	1	0	310K	FS
Devore Creek	WA-OWF	500	---	0	Comp	11/30	3	---	0	0	0	0	1.1M	FS
South Fork Creek	WA-OWF	160	---	10	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	15K	FS

UMF – Umatilla NF, USFS WWF – Wallowa-Whitman NF, USFS OWF – Okanogan-Wenatchee NF, USFS

Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 17
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 3

* **White Cloud**, Ely District, BLM. Thirty miles northeast of Ely, NV. Brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking and creeping.

Cove Creek, Salmon-Challis NF, USFS. Twenty-seven miles northwest of Salmon, ID. Timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Structures threatened. Trail closures in effect.

Nethker, Payette NF, USFS. Thirty miles northeast of McCall, ID. Timber and closed timber litter. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

* **Smith Knob**, Payette NF, USFS. Thirty-five miles northeast of McCall, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* White Cloud	NV-ELD	428	---	90	Ctn	8/30	99	---	2	4	2	0	100K	BLM
Cove Creek	ID-SCF	5,332	0	80	Ctn	9/30	42	0	1	3	2	0	5.6M	FS
Nethker	ID-PAF	2,360	0	98	Ctn	9/8	100	0	3	3	1	0	12.9M	FS
* Smith Knob	ID-PAF	206	---	0	Comp	10/1	22	---	1	0	0	0	45K	FS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Little Bear	UT-DIF	2,145	0	33	Comp	9/14	99	0	3	6	2	0	465K	FS
Trumbull	AZ-ASD	2,925	0	0	Comp	9/5	88	0	3	1	1	0	500K	BLM
Mammoth	UT-MLF	600	0	60	Comp	10/1	25	9	0	4	0	0	550K	FS
Park Ridge	UT-FIF	186	0	35	Comp	9/15	6	-9	0	1	0	0	155K	FS
Shady	ID-SCF	5,857	492	0	Comp	10/31	5	5	0	0	0	0	380K	FS

DIF – Dixie NF, USFS ASD – Arizona Strip District, BLM MLF – Manti-La Sal NF, USFS FIF – Fishlake NF, USFS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 12
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Clair**, Tonto NF, USFS. Eleven miles north of Rio Verde, AZ. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs. Structures threatened. Area closure in effect.

Sheridan, Prescott NF, USFS. Previously reported incident. Twenty-five miles northwest of Prescott, AZ. Timber, brush and chaparral. Moderate fire behavior with uphill runs, backing and single tree torching. Area closures in effect. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Triple Nickle, Cibola NF, USFS. Previously reported incident. Twenty-three miles northeast of Grants, NM. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Clair	AZ-TNF	400	---	0	Ctn	9/3	59	---	1	4	1	0	100K	FS
Sheridan	AZ-PNF	15,689	2,200	0	Comp	9/15	213	1	3	8	2	0	2.6M	FS
Triple Nickle	NM-CIF	7,250	1,836	43	Comp	9/30	124	-1	4	5	1	0	1.2M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Redondo	NM-BAP	260	65	35	Comp	9/2	61	6	2	4	0	0	100K	NPS
Ikes	AZ-GCP	6,500	480	80	Comp	9/15	32	-29	0	3	1	0	1.9M	NPS
Saber	AZ-COF	3,283	4	75	Comp	9/15	4	-16	0	1	0	0	745K	FS
Cueva	NM-SNF	1,176	165	90	Comp	9/6	42	5	1	2	1	0	177K	FS
Buckhorn	AZ-A3S	1,500	---	0	Comp	UNK	23	---	1	0	0	0	25K	ST
Boulin	AZ-KNF	4,039	---	75	Comp	9/15	7	---	0	1	0	0	112K	FS
Castle	AZ-KNF	19,368	---	96	Comp	9/15	64	---	1	6	0	0	5.2M	FS
War Bonnet	AZ-A3S	1,450	0	100	Comp	---	5	0	0	1	0	0	105K	ST

BAP – Bandelier National Monument, NPS GCP – Grand Canyon NP, NPS COF – Coconino NF, USFS
 SNF – Santa Fe NF, USFS A3S – Southeast District, Arizona DOF KNF – Kaibab NF, USFS

Rocky Mountain (PL 2)

New fires: 4
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Pedro Mountain, Rawlins Field Office, BLM. Forty miles north of Rawlins, WY. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running, group torching and flanking. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Pedro Mountain	WY-RAD	12,427	1,343	23	Ctn	9/15	358	34	6	35	4	4	3.1M	BLM
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Middle Mamm	CO-WRF	209	96	1	Comp	10/31	50	22	1	0	1	0	90K	FS
Reveille	CO-PSF	230	11	80	Comp	8/30	1	-4	0	0	0	0	2.7M	FS

WRF – White River NF, USFS PSF – Pike and San Isabel NF, USFS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 13
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Broder, Sequoia NF, USFS. Twelve miles west of Haiwee, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing and creeping.

Cow, Inyo NF, USFS. Previously reported incident. Thirteen miles west of Olancho, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Trail closures in effect. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Broder	CA-SQF	235	0	10	Ctn	9/9	63	0	2	1	1	0	477K	FS
Cow	CA-INF	1,075	184	20	Comp	10/11	84	-1	1	0	2	0	1.4M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Springs	CA-INF	3,844	171	50	Comp	10/1	176	-17	2	7	1	0	4.9M	FS

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 56
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

R-1 Ranch, Northern California District, BLM. Thirteen miles northeast of Susanville, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs and short-range spotting. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
R-1 Ranch	CA-NOD	1,800	800	10	Ctn	9/6	530	231	20	28	3	0	260K	BLM

Northern Rockies (PL 2)

New fires: 7
New large incidents: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1

Mountain View, Yellowstone County. Sixteen miles west of Billings, MT. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened.

* **Snow Peak**, Idaho Panhandle NF, USFS. Nineteen miles east of Athol, ID. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Mountain View	MT-LG03	2,753	1,953	0	Ctn	9/1	102	102	0	31	2	0	200K	CNTY
* Snow Peak	ID-IPF	100	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Beeskove	MT-LNF	430	0	73	Comp	9/30	4	0	0	1	0	0	7M	FS
Horsefly	MT-HLF	1,352	0	60	Comp	9/30	44	0	1	0	1	0	6.5M	FS
Crab	ID-NCF	198	0	40	Comp	10/31	0	-50	0	0	0	0	2.6M	FS
McClusky	MT-BDF	182	59	51	Comp	11/1	75	0	2	2	1	0	575K	FS
Snow Creek	MT-FNF	1,815	0	3	Comp	10/31	4	-6	0	0	0	0	77K	FS
Barren Hill	ID-NCF	605	24	0	Comp	10/31	8	0	0	0	0	0	15K	FS

LNF – Lolo NF, USFS HLF – Helena-Lewis and Clark NF, USFS NCF – Nez Perce-Clearwater NF, USFS
BDF – Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS FNF – Flathead NF, USFS

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	5	0	2	20	28	55
	ACRES	1	6	0	0	67	1,757	1,830
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	2	0	1	34	19	56
	ACRES	0	1,000	0	0	64	39	1,103
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	12	1	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7	355	362
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	2	2	7
	ACRES	5	0	0	0	5	113	123
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	8	0	0	4	4	17
	ACRES	0	416	0	0	91	898	1,405
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	12	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	480	0	341	821
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	31	65	96
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	12	1	15
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	375	81	457
TOTAL FIRES:		6	15	0	3	89	68	181
TOTAL ACRES:		7	1,422	0	480	640	3,650	6,198

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	236	0	0	391	41	668
	ACRES	0	1,708,630	0	0	868,579	13	2,577,222
Northwest Area	FIRES	210	161	14	13	1,476	713	2,587
	ACRES	48,896	27,943	89	1	20,473	15,511	112,913
Northern California Area	FIRES	21	34	4	6	1,911	337	2,313
	ACRES	14	2,973	25	1	22,908	15,449	41,370
Southern California Area	FIRES	14	69	9	16	2,637	250	2,995
	ACRES	140	414	2,727	106	15,867	8,877	28,131
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	685	40	22	11	694	404	1,856
	ACRES	10,621	885	10,026	36	25,675	6,482	53,725
Great Basin Area	FIRES	29	579	8	23	675	327	1,641
	ACRES	134	228,055	18	8	139,447	27,327	394,989
Southwest Area	FIRES	575	180	11	42	537	714	2,059
	ACRES	49,013	6,493	55	7,851	27,128	301,321	391,861
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	231	253	1	9	405	223	1,122
	ACRES	2,132	4,125	5,048	29	17,406	8,353	37,093
Eastern Area	FIRES	301	0	8	30	3,491	288	4,118
	ACRES	569	0	52	520	26,283	5,134	32,558
Southern Area	FIRES	239	0	34	44	13,340	218	13,875
	ACRES	22,649	0	2,498	2,303	331,507	13,200	372,157
TOTAL FIRES:		2,305	1,552	111	194	25,557	3,515	33,234
TOTAL ACRES:		134,168	1,979,518	20,539	10,855	1,495,273	401,666	4,042,018

Ten Year Average Fires (2009 – 2018 as of today)	45,054
Ten Year Average Acres (2009 – 2018 as of today)	5,438,653

***Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.

***Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <https://qacc.nifc.gov/>

Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	1,925	0	463	2,388
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	306	0	0	0	0	0	306
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	51	390	0	0	441
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	1	0	5	1	7
	ACRES	0	0	3	0	250	36	289
Southern Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	996	4	1,001
	ACRES	24	0	0	0	5,786	2,756	8,566
TOTAL FIRES:		1	0	3	2	1,001	7	1,014
TOTAL ACRES:		330	0	54	2,315	6,036	3,269	12,004

Canadian Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO- DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	4	1	869	21,150
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	111	252,902
ALBERTA	2	0	957	883,291
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	145	101,416
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	231	47,914
MANITOBA	0	0	277	101,453
ONTARIO	2	0	522	270,548
QUEBEC	6	2	322	10,267
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	86	774
NEW BRUNSWICK	4	5	173	223
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	129	137
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	2	9	2	9
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	70	117,826
TOTALS	21	16	3,894	1,807,910

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot and dry conditions will continue across the West as the ridge of high pressure amplifies inland from the coast over the Great Basin. Onshore flow is expected to continue along the entire West Coast. Afternoon convection will be focused mainly along the Continental Divide from the Mexican Border north into British Columbia. A breezy westerly flow will remain in place across the upper Midwest, Great Lakes and New England regions. In the tropics, Dorian will move north of the Bahamas as it approaches the southeastern Atlantic Coast. In Alaska, scattered showers will move into south central portions of the state by late in the day, as a weak system approaches from the Aleutian Islands and Kodiak Island.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



Roadside Incident Response

Vehicles/Roads Category

Nationally, the number of injuries and fatalities among emergency responders who are responding to roadside incidents is increasing. Although most wildland fires occur in remote areas, there are situations where wildland fire personnel are responding to fires along rural country roads, jeep roads, or major highways; the risk still exists for our firefighters. Below is a checklist of considerations that should be utilized when responding to fires and other incidents along roadsides:

Considerations

- Firefighter and public safety will always be the number one priority.
- Utilize L.C.E.S. in all incident activities.
- Personal Protective Equipment is to be used on all incidents.

Upon Arrival at the Scene

Size up incident – see [Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

- What has happened?
- What is happening?
- What will or could happen?
- Is this a HazMat situation?

Risk Management Process

- Decision Point, Go/No-Go. See the [Incident Response Pocket Guide](#), page 1

Tactical Considerations

- Anytime traffic flow is affected by the incident, contact the jurisdictional law enforcement agency for assistance.
- Conduct all operations as far from traffic lanes as possible to provide for crew and public safety.
- Park units on the same side of the roadway whenever possible to avoid traffic congestion.
- Personnel do not exit the fire apparatus until instructed to do so by the module leader.
- Exit the fire apparatus away from the roadway or where hazard exposure is minimized.
- Exit the fire apparatus with full personal protective equipment.
- Post a lookout to watch for and control oncoming traffic.
- Utilize forward and rear spotters when visibility is impaired or road conditions warrant.
- Utilize and place road flares or other traffic warning signs whenever possible.
- If equipment needs to be removed from the traffic side of the apparatus, one person will retrieve the equipment and a lookout will watch for oncoming traffic.
- Engine operators will operate pumps from the non-traffic side or from the cab of the apparatus when possible. Keep all hose, fire tools, and equipment out of traffic lanes when possible.
- During night operations utilize reflective clothing, vests and other safety equipment as necessary.
- All emergency responses on roadways will be concluded as quickly as possible to reduce personnel exposure.
- Cancel or demob unnecessary apparatus as soon as possible.

Note: Each agency emergency vehicle operator will follow their particular state laws and agency policies governing the operations of emergency vehicles.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide, PMS 461](#)
[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#),
[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210](#)

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