





# **FIRE SERVICE RESOURCE EMERGENCY DEPLOYMENT ACT**

**N.J.A.C. 5:75A-1.1**







# FIRE DEPLOYMENT ACT

- The Fire Services Resources Emergency Deployment Act establishes a mechanism for the coordination of fire service resources





# FIRE DEPLOYMENT ACT

Responses to:

- FIRE
- EXPLOSION
- TERRORISM
- NATURAL DISASTER
- OTHER EVENTS REQUIRING THE USE OF FIRE SERVICE RESOURCES





# FIRE DEPLOYMENT ACT

order to protect

- LIFE
- PROPERTY
- ENVIRONMENT





# FIRE DEPLOYMENT ACT

The coordination of fire service resources throughout New Jersey to facilitate a ***safe and efficient response*** to any emergency incident that requires the immediate deployment of fire service resources.



# State Fire Coordinator

- **Director** of the Division of Fire Safety  
Department of Community Affairs
- **Richard Mikutsky**  
State Fire Coordinator  
State Fire Marshal





# State Fire Coordinator

## *Duties and Responsibilities*

- Fire service resources management and coordination
- The preparation of the State Emergency Operations Plan Fire Annex (ESF#4), State Office of Emergency Management.
- Staff State Emergency Operations Center
- Appointment of Fire Coordinators
- Duties and responsibilities of Fire Coordinator



# State Fire Coordinator



- Appoints county fire coordinators
- Determine the duties and responsibilities of the County Fire Coordinators



# Deputy State Fire Coordinator

- Appointed by the State Fire Coordinator from Division of Fire Safety staff
  - Assist the State Fire Coordinator with the duties and responsibilities.
  - Serve as the State Fire Coordinator in his absence.
- At least as qualified as a County Fire Coordinator



# Regional Fire Coordinators

- Appointed by the State Fire Coordinator to assist the County Fire Coordinators
- Office of Fire Department Preparedness Staff



# County Fire Coordinator

- Member of the County OEM Staff
- County Fire Service resources manager and coordinator
- Duties include, but not limited to:
  - **Liaison to incident commander to provide fire resources**
  - **Other functions as requested by the incident commander or County OEM**



# County Fire Coordinator

- Prepares the county Emergency Operations Plan Fire Annex / ESF#4 with County Emergency Management
- Prepares the county fire mutual aid plan



# County Fire Coordinator

- Major Fires or Emergency Events
  - Notification to Region Fire Coordinator
    - that could require a large commitment of fire service resources
- Examples:
  - Activation of County Fire Mutual Aid Plan
  - High profile incidents
  - Hazardous materials incident
  - Planned community event
  - Other significant events



# County Fire Coordinator

- **Serves a two-year term**
- **Vacancies filled in same manner as original appointment**
- **Provide documentation of eligibility to County OEM and State Fire Coordinator per N.J.A.C 5:75A-2.3(d)1**



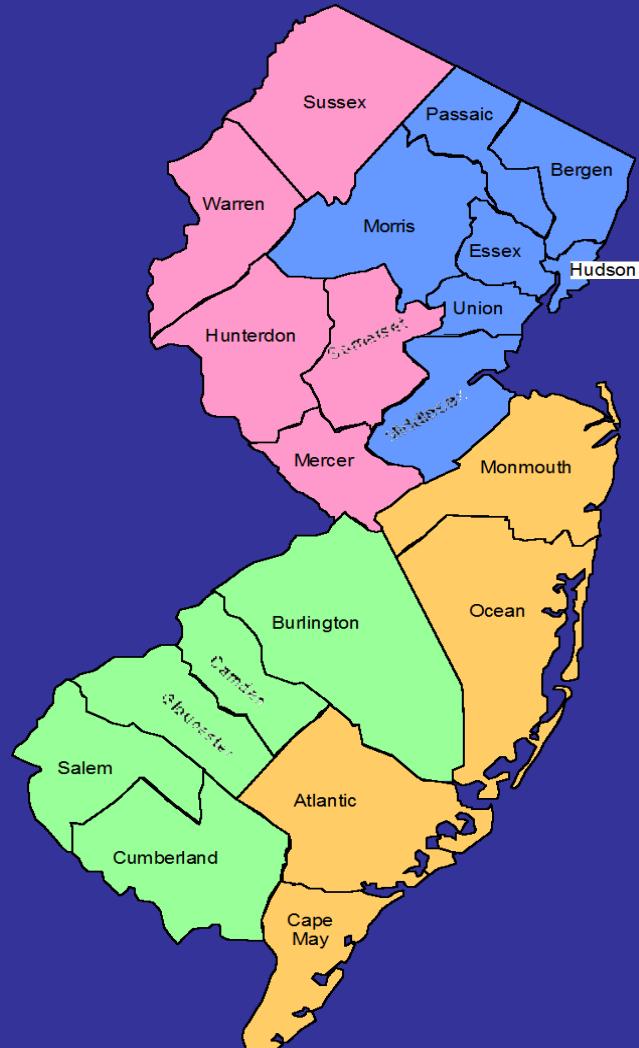
# County Fire Coordinator



- **Eligible Candidates**
  - Incident Management Level 3 (I-400)  
NJDFS certification
- **Continuing education as required by the State Fire Coordinator**
- **In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:75A-2.3(d)1**



# Fire Regions

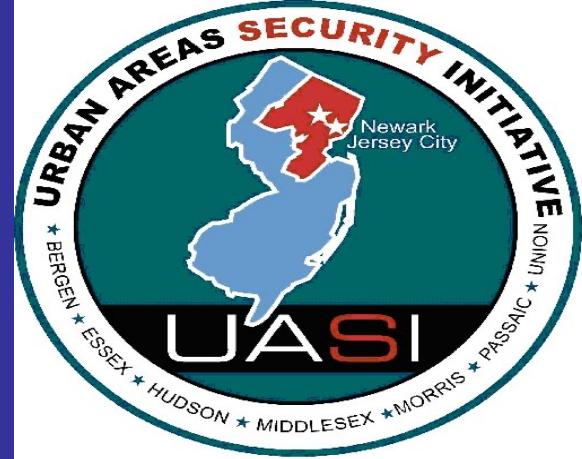






# UASI Region

- Regional Fire Coordinator  
**Steve Dyl**





# Shore Region

## Regional Fire Coordinator

**Don Nelsen**





# Northwest Region

Regional Fire Coordinator

**Gene Landolo**





# Delaware River Region

- Regional Fire Coordinator  
**Chris Barrella**





# ROIC / Intel

- **Fire Intelligence Officer**  
**Ben Berkman**





# NJ Division of Fire Safety

## *Coordination*







# Local Fire Mutual Aid Plan

- Each municipality, or fire district, in this State shall prepare and adopt a local fire mutual aid plan

N.J.A.C. 5:75A-2.2





# Mutual Aid Plan

DEPARTMENT NAME:	BOX ALARM TYPE:	EFFECTIVE DATE
BOX ALARM #:	LOCATION OR AREA:	AUTHORIZ.

## LOCAL DISPATCH AREA :

ALARM LEVEL	ENGINES	TENDERS	TRUCKS	SQUADS	EMS	CHIEFS	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
STILL							

## MABAS BOX ALARM:

ALARM LEVEL	ENGINES	TENDERS	TRUCKS	SQUADS	EMS	CHIEFS	SP ECIAL EQUIPMENT
BOX							
2 <sup>ND</sup>							
3 <sup>RD</sup>							
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5 <sup>TH</sup>							
6 <sup>TH</sup>							
7 <sup>TH</sup>							
INTERDIVISIONAL REQUEST	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice DIVISION #	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice DIVISION #	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice DIVISION #				

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS :



# Local Fire Mutual Aid Plan

- The plan sets forth:
  - policies and
  - procedures to implement the effective utilization of fire service resources
- Adopted no later than March 10, 2004



# Local Fire Mutual Aid Plan

- **Essential Measures**
  - Developed in conjunction with the County mutual aid plan
  - Standard format for deployment of firefighting resources
  - Collaborative effort with mutual aid fire departments



# Local Fire Mutual Aid Plan



- Each municipality, or fire district, shall provide a copy of its local fire mutual aid plan to the county fire coordinator **N.J.A.C. 5:75A-2.2(e)**
- Fire mutual aid plans must be updated and reviewed every two years **N.J.A.C. 5:75A-2.2(h)**



# Local Fire Mutual Aid Plan

- When a local fire mutual aid plan provides for the provision of assistance and fire service resources to another County, a copy of that plan must be sent to:
  - County Fire Coordinator
  - Regional Fire Coordinator



# Local Fire Mutual Aid Plan

- When a local fire mutual aid plan provides for assistance and fire service resources by or to a **another State**, a copy of that plan shall be sent to the
  - **Regional Fire Coordinator**
  - **State Fire Coordinator**



# Local Fire Mutual Aid Plan

- Included in local and county Emergency Operations Plans
  - Critical infrastructure(s)
  - Target hazards, high life hazards
  - Considers anticipated fire service resources for occupancies that will likely require mutual aid



# County Mutual Aid Plan

- Each fire department in the county *will* be part of the county mutual aid plan
- Shall provide the county fire coordinator:
  - Complete inventory of apparatus, personnel, equipment and facilities



# County Mutual Aid Plan Index

- Cover
- Review / Acceptance page
- Index
- Preface



# County Mutual Aid Plan Index

- Deployment Act
- Coordinator / Deputy contact info
- County Mutual Aid Plan
- County EOP Fire Annex
- Run Card Assignments
- Inventory Equipment / facilities
- Radio Communications / frequencies



# County Mutual Aid Plan

## Index

- Structural Task Forces
- Out of County Task Forces
- Water Tender Task Forces
- Foam Tender Task Forces
- Ladder Co Task Forces
- Marine /Boat Task Forces
- LDH Strike Teams
- Special Rescue Strike Teams
- Wildland Urban Interface Task Forces



# County Mutual Aid Plan Index

- Staging Area designations
- RIT / RIC Response Plans
- Drafting sites
- Personnel Accountability plans
- Bridge, height, weight hazards
- USAR plans
- Vacant building markings



# Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division

Decision January 19, 2018

In the Matter of the City of Paterson  
Fire Department Mutual Aid Plan



# Mutual Aid Agreement

- A means for one government entity to provide
  - Resources
  - Facilities
  - Services
  - Other supportto another jurisdiction during an emergency event.
- Legal document





# Mutual Aid Agreement

- At a minimum, mutual-aid agreements should include:
  - Definitions of key terms used in the agreement
  - Roles and responsibilities of individual parties
  - Procedures for requesting and providing assistance



# Mutual Aid Agreement

- Procedures, authorities, and rules for payment, reimbursement, and allocation of costs
- Notification procedures
- Radio communications plan
- Relationships with other agreements among jurisdictions



# Mutual Aid Agreement

- Workers compensation
- Treatment of liability and immunity
- Recognition of qualifications and certifications
- Sharing agreements, as required





# Memorandum of Understanding

- An agreement between entities that describes:
  - The Purpose/Objective of the MOU
  - Who is responsible
  - Very similar to a mutual aid agreement, but not as detailed (contractual)
    - Not applicable for most of the Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act



# County (Regional) Mutual Aid Agreements

- County fire mutual aid agreements are designed to enhance a County's response capability and are not designed to replace existing or local agreements



# County Mutual Aid Plan

- **Incident Commander requests additional resources**
- **County Fire Coordinator notified**
- **CFC monitors deployment of fire resources & coordinates**
- **Updates the Regional Fire Coordinator and State Fire Coordinator**



# Activating County Mutual Aid

- Incident Commander requests Mutual Aid
  - Communications Center:
    - Notifies Mutual Aid Fire Departments
    - Notifies County Fire Coordinator



# County and Regional Notifications

- Acting local, *think regional*
  - Incident commanders are typically not aware of simultaneous emergencies
- County Fire Coordinators
- Regional Fire Coordinators





# Emergency Incident

- **"Emergency incident"**
  - Any situation to which the fire service responds to deliver emergency services including, but not limited to:
    - **Firefighting**
    - **Rescue**
    - **Special operations**
    - **Other emergencies**
      - **WMD/Terrorism**
      - **Natural Disasters**



# Emergency Characteristics

- Large Scale Events
- Long-Duration Operations
- Multi-threat Events
- Multiple Incidents
  - In County
  - In Region
  - In State



# Local Emergency

- An emergency incident which, in the judgment of the incident commander, is of such severe degree that it presents a significant threat to the health, safety and welfare of a community
- .... warrants the implementation of the municipality's municipal emergency operations plan”

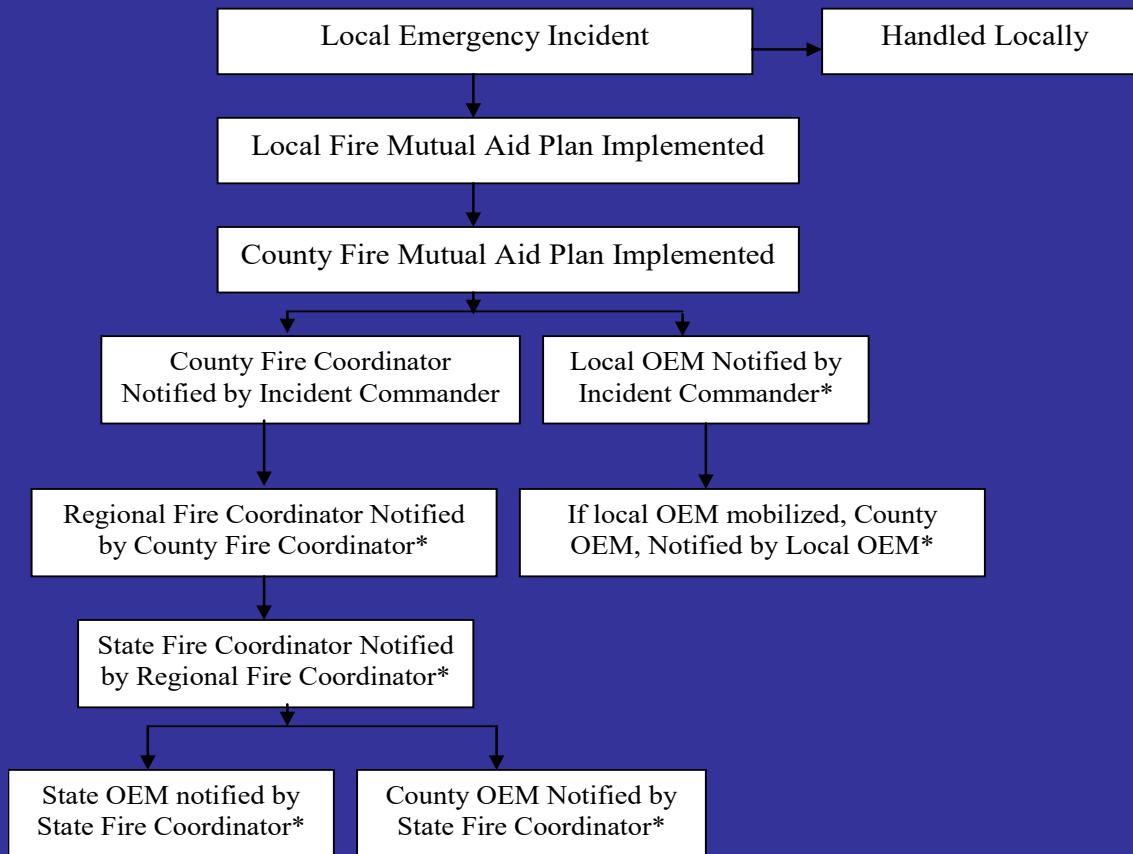


# County Fire Emergency

- After calling local fire mutual aid from the local fire mutual aid plan, the Incident Commander determines that more resources are needed:
  - county fire mutual aid plan is activated.



# Emergency Incident Flow Chart



\*Response by noted listed agencies will be determined by scale and type of incident.



# Regional Fire Coordinator

Notified by County Fire Coordinator

- *Out of county resources are deployed*
- *3 alarms or greater*
- *Other high profile incidents*
- Provides periodic updates of the incident until termination



# Regional Fire Coordinator

- **Regional fire coordinator may respond and provide logistical and technical support**
  - **Coordinate the use of regional and state fire resources**
  - **Liaison with other State agencies on scene**



# Notifications

- The Regional Fire Coordinator (RFC) shall ensure that the State Fire Coordinator is notified and provided periodic updates until termination of the emergency incident



# Local and County EOC

- Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator notifies:

County Emergency Management Coordinator

- prepared to respond in the event that local resources are insufficient to effectively deal with the emergency incident



# Notification

- County Emergency Management shall notify the State Office of Emergency Management of the emergency incident
- Requests for other assistance from the State Office of Emergency Management shall be made by the County Emergency Management



# Out of State Requests

- The State Fire Coordinator:
  - Coordinates fire service resources deployment to another state during a emergency in that state
  - Coordinated through each states OEM/EOC
  - EMAC



# Out of State Requests

- **"Emergency Management Assistance Compact," P.L.2001, c. 249 (C.38A:20-4 et seq.)**



# Order of Deployment

- State fire coordinator is authorized to direct that any unit of fire service *not respond* to an emergency incident or a local fire emergency disaster, and remain on local standby when.....



# Order of Deployment

- ...the State Fire Coordinator (RFC's) determine that a county, region or municipality **may not have sufficient fire service resources remaining available as a result of other deployments:**
  - Major Fire (Large response)
  - Long Duration Emergencies
  - Large HAZMAT emergency
  - WMD/Terrorism



# Order of Deployment

**State Fire Coordinator may *order* a deployment of a fire department to provide necessary fire protection services, including the provision of fire service resources to a municipality or portion thereof in need of fire resources.**



# Order of Deployment

- An order of deployment issued pursuant to this section shall be terminated by the State Fire Coordinator
  - When the deployed unit of the fire service is once again able to provide adequate fire protection to the residents within its area of responsibility without requiring mutual aid



# Order of Deployment

- An order of deployment during the period of the emergency incident or disaster can rescinded or modified by:
  - State Fire Coordinator
  - Governor (P.L.1942, c. 251 (C.App.A:9-33 et seq.)



# Enforcement

**Any person or entity that willfully violates this act shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$10,000 per each violation N.J.A.C. 5:75A-3.6(a)**



# In Omnia Paratus



*“In All Things Prepared”*



# Office of Fire Department Preparedness

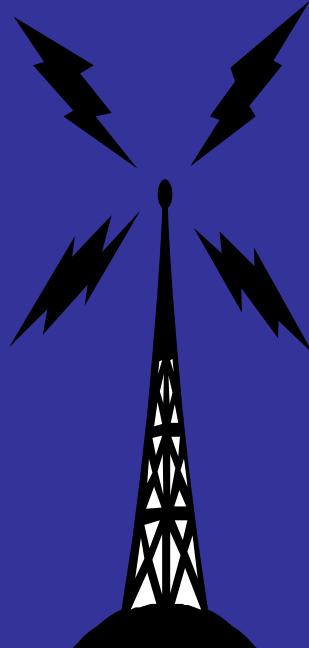
**“Coordinates and plans the deployment of fire service resources throughout New Jersey and when requested by States and federal agencies by facilitating a safe and efficient response to any emergency incident or event that requires the deployment of fire resources.”**



# 1-877-NJFIRES

## 1-877-653-4737

- Mercer County Communications
- 24/7 notification system

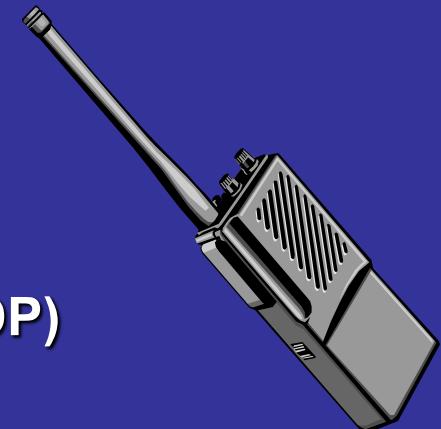


**Any EMERGENCY**

- Fire Investigation Unit
- Regional Fire Coordinators
- Incident Support Staff (OFDP)

- Back up # 609-799-0110





# State Notifications

- **Firefighter(s) fatality/serious injury**
- **Multiple civilian casualties**
- **State is Local Enforcement Authority**
- **Incidents involving State land or buildings**
- **NJSP and other state agencies on scene**
- **Activation of County mutual aid plan**
- **County OEM activations**



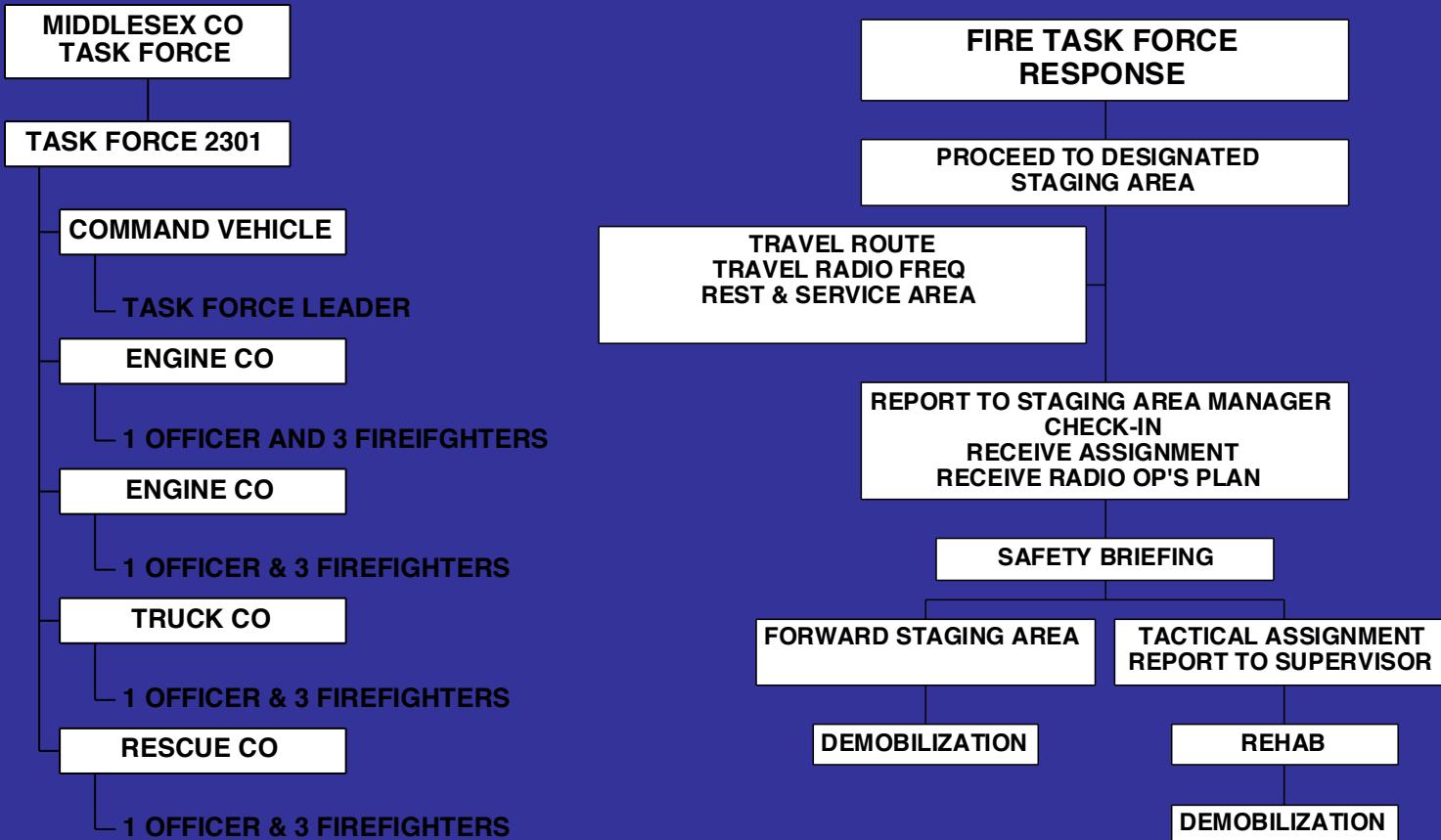
# State Notifications

- ***High Profile*** Emergency Incidents (ie.):
  - Hazardous materials incidents
  - Aircraft/Airport incidents
  - Transportation incidents
  - MCI w/ fire mutual aid activation
  - WMD/Terrorism (or suspected) incident
  - Natural disaster incidents



# Strike Teams / Task Forces

## Typical example





# Strike Team / Task Force

- Strike Team
- All same resource
- Engines
- Ladders
- Brush trucks
- Tenders
- Task Force
- Combined resources
- 2 Engines
- 1 Truck
- 1 Rescue
- 1 Chief officer









# Points of Contact

- Bruce Tynan- **Bureau Chief** **609-475-5325**
- Tim Weiss- **OFDP Supervisor** **609-475-5328**
- Steven Dyl- **UASI** **609-913-7930**
- Gene Landolo- **Northwest** **609-462-5992**
- Chris Barrella- **Delaware River** **609-508-0504**
- Don Nelsen- **Shore** **609-477-9346**
- Ben Berkman- **ROIC/Intel** **609-462-6058**



# In Memory

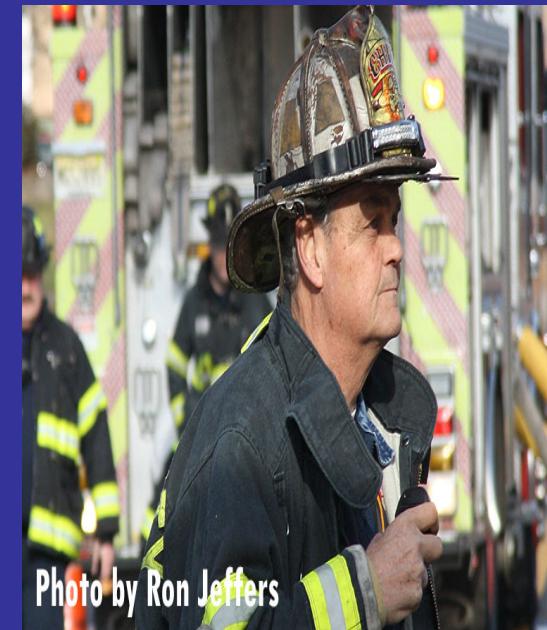


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# EVERYONE GOES HOME®

*Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives by  
the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation*