

5.3 Grass Fires



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These SOPs/SOGs are based on FEMA guidelines FA-197

1.0 PURPOSE

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on grass fire responses. Grass fires will include uncontrolled fires in any type of vegetation.

2.0 SCOPE

This SOP/SOG pertains to all personnel in this organization.

3.0 POLICY/GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

Policy:

Procedures

- Obtain wind speed and direction
- The OIC will give a size-up and establish command upon arrival on all grass fires
- Assess the need for mutual aid
- Suppression activities may be carried out on foot or riding on the back of the fire apparatus
- PPE must be worn while engaging uncontrolled fire. (see safety note)

Safety/Considerations

- Approach downhill and upwind if possible
- PPE maybe removed, at the discretion of the IC, while performing mop-up/overhaul operations
- Stay alert for heat related emergencies
- Driver will maintain visual and/or verbal contact with the nozzle operator at all times
- Fire should always be fought from the burned area