

STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

FIRES
SUBJECT

DATE: April 2, 2020

NO: M-1

FROM: CHIEF ERIC JONES

TO: ALL PERSONNEL

INDEX: FIRES
DUTIES AT FIRE SCENE
ASSISTANCE TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

I. POLICY

Members of the Stockton Police Department will report all fires they observe and, when necessary, provide traffic and crowd control when the incident occurs within the jurisdiction of the City of Stockton.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Telecommunications Center

1. When Telecommunications Center personnel receive information requiring Fire Department response, they will immediately notify the Fire Department.
2. The Telecommunications Center will dispatch units to house and building fires upon request from the Fire Department.
 - a. Police units will not be dispatched to rescue calls unless the Fire Department requests assistance.
3. When Telecommunications Center Personnel are advised a Fire unit needs police assistance with traffic or crowd control a unit will be dispatched.
4. A Patrol Supervisor will be dispatched to fires under the following circumstances.
 - a. All multi-alarm fires.
 - b. If from the information received it appears that life is in jeopardy.
 - c. The circumstances are such that supervision of police personnel is necessary.

B. Watch Commander

1. The Watch Commander will notify the Chief of Police, via the chain of command on all 3 and 4 alarm fires.

C. Officer at the Scene

1. The first officer at the scene shall evaluate the extent of the fire and notify the Telecommunications Center if additional police personnel are needed.

D. Supervisory Officer

1. The supervisor will report to the Fire Department Incident Command Post to coordinate police efforts with the ranking Fire Department Officer on scene. The ranking Fire Department Officer is in command of the fire scene.
2. Assure that the fire scene is protected with adequate traffic and crowd control.

E. Fire Fighters responding to fire calls.

1. Off-duty fire fighters will be admitted to the fire scene after they produce identification.

F. News media.

1. Accredited members of the news media, after being sufficiently identified, will be allowed access to a fire scene as long as they do not interfere with the overall operation.