

# Pinion Pine Fire

Standard Operating Procedure  
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## 01 - STANDARD FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

*PURPOSE: To ensure firefighter safety and maintain personnel accountability during an incident*

*SCOPE: All personnel*

It is necessary to be able to account for all personnel that may be assigned to or working at the scene of an emergency. Occasionally, our personnel respond to a fire in personal vehicles. Generally, our personnel will respond to the scene in fire apparatus and participate in the emergency operation. We must ensure that all personnel, regardless of the method of transportation, will be accounted for in case of change of strategies such as changing from an offensive position to a defensive position, a building collapse or other circumstances that would require accounting for all personnel at the scene.

A name tag shall be issued to every firefighter. This tag will be attached to the rear of your helmet.

On arrival at the scene of every incident, all firefighters will give their accountability tag to the incident commander or safety officer.

Upon returning to the apparatus just prior to returning to service, you should retrieve your name tag from the incident commander or safety officer.

Firefighters should be working under the direction of the incident commander in teams of two (2) or more. Firefighters entering a structure should be doing so in order to accomplish a tactical objective. If not needed inside, they should be held together in readiness until the incident commander assigns your team/crew an assignment. Once you and/or your team/crew enters the structure, someone should be aware that you are entering, the approximate area where you are going, the general time when you are entering and the number of personnel going inside. It may

be the incident commander, safety officer, pump operator or other person that you inform. The intent is if conditions should deteriorate, someone would know your approximate location and number of persons we are looking for.

The incident commander should advise mutual aid officers and firefighters of the procedure and establish a means of accounting for them.

It is imperative that you inform someone prior to entering the structure so that in the event of a deterioration of conditions, someone will be aware of your position and be looking for you. A system of communication must be maintained so that firefighters may be notified or that firefighters may inform persons outside of problems. The tag system is intended to identify the number and names of persons who may be in need of assistance and for your safety. Please help make it work.

Each team/crew entering a structure should have a portable radio, be given a tactical objective and assigned a team/crew identification (i.e. Interior 1, Search 1, etc)

Each team leader will stay in constant communications with the incident commander.