

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
CHAPTER 2: STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

Part 1: Response Guidelines

Subject: Unified Command

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- 25.01 Purpose. To properly handle a multi-agency response (Mutual Aid).
- 25.02 Goal. To provide a guideline to utilize mutual aid units and integrate them into the Incident Command System.
- 25.03 Unified Command is appropriate when the incident is contained within a single jurisdiction or across multiple jurisdictions, and when more than one department or agency shares responsibility due to the nature of the incident, size of the incident, or the kinds of resources required (i.e. large fire, natural disaster, etc.).
- 25.04 This type of Command can best be accomplished if a ranking (staff) officer from each department reports to the Command Post.
- 25.05 All communications shall be handled according to the incident communication plan.
- 25.06 When the incident requires Township Fire Department to respond into another jurisdiction, Township Fire Dept. will be known as Township Branch.