

General Order

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Subject: Discontinuation of volunteer battalion chief program

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With the implementation of BC-101 as of this date, there will now be a command officer dispatched on the initial assignments for all fire boxes, structural assignments and rescue assignments. Therefore, the utilization of a volunteer battalion chief program will no longer be in effect.

This in no way replaces the ability of volunteer chief officers to respond to incidents as required or determined by their availability. The revision to SOP 1.02 clearly defines the revised chain of command. Volunteer chief officers are integral to our operations and frequently serve as the incident commanders. The implementation of our NIMS compliant ICS focused SOPs clearly defines the utilization of command officers on incidents and assures command presence and consistency of focus.