


CAL FIRE Butte Unit
Policies and Procedures



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POLICY:

A uniform definition of contained and controlled will be used for all fire incidents, and this information along with incident acreage will be reported to the ECC for entry in to CAD and posting to the Incident Reporting System and statistical archives (Red Book).

PROCEDURE:

Contained:

When the emergency incident is no longer making a forward advance, the situation is stabilized but cannot be left alone, or the perimeter is surrounded, the incident is considered contained. At a contained incident, not all units can leave the scene. Some units may be released and some may be placed in an "available at scene" status. The situation is not sufficiently stabilized to leave it unattended. However, the active emergency aspect of the operation no longer applies and Code 3 response is not justified.

Note: Incident commanders are reminded the CAL FIRE HB-3821 provides direction on use of the emergency fund. In essence, the EFund is limited to wildland fires which exceed initial attack capability; we generally identify that as fire that require greater than two hours to contain.

Controlled:

When the fire or emergency incident is so completely stabilized that it can be left unattended for significant periods of time, i.e., only an occasional return to check on it may be necessary, then the situation is considered controlled. All units assigned to a controlled incident can be released and re-dispatched to other incidents without the possibility of the initial incident re-establishing itself and becoming an emergency.

Containment time and control time will be established by the Incident Commander and transmitted to the Emergency Command Center.

Incident Acreage:

Periodically as determined, but at least at the time of containment the incident acreage will be reported to the ECC by the IC or designee, if acreage estimates are revised due to improved mapping or other estimating tools the final acreage will be reported to the ECC for posting to CAD and the Incident Reporting Systems.