

# Olivehurst Public Utility District



## Committee Staff Report

Meeting Date: May, 2020

### Item description/summary:

**COVID-19 Virus /Infections Disease:** Through the collaborations of the Valley Fire Departments we are currently working on how to handle the pandemic outbreak. The Departments are working on guidelines to help each Department during not only the current pandemic, but any future pandemics. The plans are to have these guidelines in place as soon as possible.

### Fiscal Analysis:

Unknown currently.

### Employee Feedback

### Sample Motion:

None currently.

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# **Contingency Response Plan Yuba County**

## **Valley Floor Fire Agencies**

**Purpose:** To develop a plan to support a Yuba County Agency that experiences a shortage of resources due to the COVID-19. Any agency within the Valley Floor sphere of influence could be affected and enable an emergency response for a day(s). This plan will address the protocols to follow when an agency affected notifies the Yuba County Fire Operational Area Coordinator that they have an inability to respond to emergencies due to lack of staffing related to COVID-19.

**Responsibility:** Each Agency Administrator should support this concept during the COVID-19 crisis and authorize rank and file personnel to implement this plan to the best of their ability to support neighboring jurisdictions. Communication shall occur between the Administrators and Department Staff to address issues or concerns during the implementation of this plan. Any expenditures including overtime, vehicle mileage, expenses related to the implementation of the plan shall be documented for reimbursement.

**TimeLine:** This contingency plan should remain in effect until the COVID-19 crisis passes, at which time this plan will be available for use in the future should another pandemic occur. The plan would be utilized on an as needed basis based on the staffing difficulties experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are four general categories of concern regarding call types:

**Simple Call-** General illness medical aid

**Traumatic Call-** Advance medical call including vehicle accidents

**Fire-** Vegetation and structure fires

**Other-** Any other type of call involving a fire department response including fire alarm, carbon monoxide, down power line, gas leak, etc.

### **Boundary Drop**

With boundary drop, jurisdictional boundaries don't determine when a closer resource should respond. Resources are free to cross jurisdictional lines to respond to calls based on who is closer.

### **Closest Resource Response**

Closest resource to the address responds to the call regardless of department. Means for identifying closest resource include, CAD, GPS or dispatcher looking at a map to make determination.

## **Move Up and Cover**

Resources may be requested to move up and cover an area while another resource is out of position. This is generally a temporary period of time based on the commitment of a resource to return to its original cover area.

## **Greater Alarm**

On occasion, an incident may require additional resources such as vegetation fire, structure fire or MCI. Multiple closest resources would be dispatched to the location to assist in containing the incident.

## **Dispatching**

At any point during the COVID-19 pandemic, any one or more agency could be unable to respond to calls for service due to lack of staffing affected by the pandemic. The two main dispatch centers in Yuba County would have the biggest responsibility in determining the resources to respond to an area. They include the Yuba County Sheriff Dispatch Center and Marysville Police Department Dispatching Center. Once the agency identified as not able to respond to calls; the dispatch centers will forward calls accordingly. They may be required to contact the following regional dispatch centers for responses including:

- Yuba City Police Dispatch Center
- CAL FIRE NEU ECC Center
- CAL FIRE BTU ECC Center
- South Placer Dispatch Center
- Sutter County Dispatch Center

A matrix will determine the resource(s) to respond based on the call type. Resources may be required to move up and cover or hold a cover assignment from their station. On a greater alarm, multiple resources will be dispatched.

If an agency not affected has the ability to staff a second unit in quarters, this would assist in responding out of the normal response area while having an engine available to cover an area. Overtime cost associated with staffing are reimbursable due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most agencies agreed that putting personnel in another station that may have been infected by COVID-19 is not a viable situation. Rather, resources responding from stations where COVID-19 symptoms are not present are more desirable.

Coverage for a station may include any number of days based on sickness, quarantine and decontamination of facilities.

Bi-County Ambulance may play a role in coverage with the possibility of staffing an ambulance near or closer to the affected area. This could allow them to handle the Simple Call. Other considerations include possible staffing an engine near the Amphitheatre or Hard Rock Casino if Wheatland are affected. Wheatland is the most southern coverage area with the longest response time from Linda or Olivehurst Fire departments.

**Other Considerations:**

Is Linda Fire Station 2 capable of housing crews temporarily day shift/full shift?

Does Wheatland have a second station capable of housing crews temporarily day shift/full shift?

What is Beale Airforce Base response capabilities currently?

Could it be possible to stage a crew at the Hard Rock Casino or Amphitheatre temporarily day shift/full shift?

What stations can house multiple crews?

What Departments have a likelihood of up staffing a resource?

# **Contingency Cover Plan Yuba County**

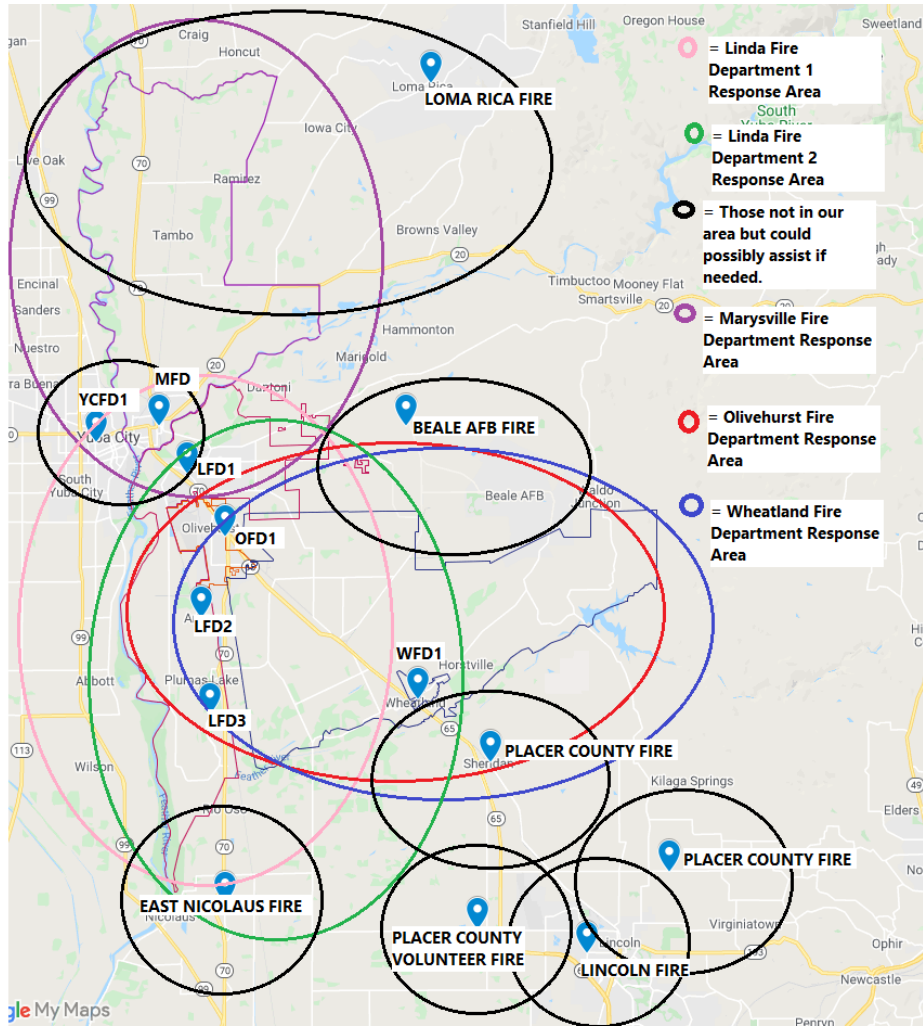
## **Valley Floor Fire Agencies**

### **Example Scenario**

Wheatland Fire Authority is unable to cover calls for service due to staff infected with COVID-19 and quarantine issues for the next several days. The OES Fire Operational Area Coordinator is contacted and informed of the situation. The following would occur:

- Yuba County Sheriff Dispatch Center would be notified and protocols would be instituted during that time Wheatland Fire Authority was not able to respond to calls.
- Bi-County Ambulance would be notified as well to see if they had the availability to move a cover ambulance to McGowan or other location closer to Wheatland.
- A notification is made to Linda, Olivehurst and Marysville and request to see who could up staff an additional engine for move up and cover assignments.
- A notification is made to the County Administrator of the current activation of the Contingency Cover Plan.
- The following call types are examples of responses:
  - Simple Medical Call- Bi- County Ambulance to handle solo response
  - Traumatic Call- Single closest fire resource response along with Bi- County Ambulance. Olivehurst, Linda, Beale or Lincoln. If a second resource is necessary, then next closest resource is requested.
    - If Linda station 3 responds- Olivehurst to move out to station 3 for coverage. Possibly Linda or Olivehurst up staffed an engine and coverage would occur accordingly.
    - If Olivehurst responds- Linda to cover additional calls for Olivehurst.
  - Fire- (Debris) Single closest resource respond. Olivehurst, Linda, Beale. Move up and cover may be necessary.
  - Fire- (Vegetation) Two closest wildland resources respond initially until size up obtained. Olivehurst, Linda, Beale, CAL FIRE. Linda station 1 to move out to station 3 for coverage. Marysville cover Linda station 1. Any up staffed units will fill in where necessary. Yuba City may need to cover Marysville.
  - Fire- (Structure) Three closest engines respond initially. Possibly a water tended depending on the area. Olivehurst, Linda, Beale, Lincoln, CAL FIRE.
  - Other- Single closest resource respond. Olivehurst, Linda, Beale. Move up and cover may be necessary.

Once resources have cleared the incident, they will return back to their respective station and covering units will return as well. Each Department would develop a simple matrix to indicate the closest resources and respond per the call types listed above. If a greater alarm occurs due to structure fire, vegetation fire or MCI; the OES Fire Operational Area Coordinator will assist the designated Dispatch Center in coordinating resource requests.



**RESPONSE TIMES AND DISTANCES**

	<b>Linda</b>	<b>Olivehurst</b>	<b>Plumas Lake</b>	<b>Wheatland</b>	<b>Yuba City</b>
<b>Marysville</b>	8 Min / 2.5 Miles	9 Min / 4.1 Miles	15 Min / 10.3 Miles	18 Min / 13.5 Miles	9 Min / 3.4 Miles
<b>Linda</b>		4 Min / 1.9 Miles	10 Min / 8.1 Miles	13 Min / 11.3 Miles	13 Min / 5.5 Miles
<b>Olivehurst</b>			7 min / 6.3 Miles	10 Min / 9.7 Miles	
<b>Plumas Lake</b>				15 Min / 11.4 Miles	