

# SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**COMMAND:**

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- OP-101-01-95-10 The first EMS or Fire Company/Unit on scene will establish COMMAND at every emergency incident with the person with the highest rank or seniority assuming the title and duties of COMMAND. When establishing COMMAND such action and a site specific location shall be transmitted to DISPATCH on Channel 90.
- OP-101-03-95-10 The person establishing COMMAND shall remain in Command until Command is passed to another arriving Unit/person. Officers of any rank assume responsibility whether or not they assume COMMAND.
- OP-101-05-93-10 Once COMMAND is established on an alarm, ALL units shall refer to the function as COMMAND, regardless of who is the Incident Commander at any given time and all communications to DISPATCH shall pass through Command unless Command designates communications should go through an aide or another unit.
- OP-101-06-93-10 Once COMMAND is established, no company, group, or person shall go to work without being given an assignment by COMMAND.
- OP-101-08-93-10 During the initial size-up, it is necessary to give a report of conditions to incoming units and chiefs.
- OP-101-30-95-10 Transfer of COMMAND may be necessary in certain instances.
- Passing COMMAND occurs when a first arriving unit or person that establishes COMMAND deems it necessary to transfer the command function to another unit or person. This may be due to the first arriving unit needing all personnel to affect a rescue or other extenuating situations. This may be accomplished face to face or over the air.
- OP-101-31-93-10 A COMMAND POST will be established when COMMAND foresees the need for a centralized location for performing command functions.

The COMMAND POST should be visible to incoming units, and its physical location announced to DISPATCH. The COMMAND POST shall be clearly designated.

OP-101-33-93-10 At such time that the Incident Commander is satisfied that the incident is completed and no further action is necessary, COMMAND shall be terminated. This action shall be transmitted over the dispatch channel to dispatch and all field units. The assigned Tac channel will automatically be released when COMMAND is terminated unless the Incident Commander requests the channels continued use.