

Coding Strike Team Assignments

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Scenario I

One or more personnel or resources from your fire department (FD) are dispatched to assist on a wildland fire. The staging area or base camp is considered the scene of the incident. Therefore, you have “arrived” on the scene of the incident when your resources get to the staging area. Per NFIRS, this is a typical assist on a wildland fire and should be entered as “Aid Given” codes 3 or 4. You should not capture acres burned if you were assisting on another agency’s wildland fire. Use the Apparatus/Personnel modules to capture multiple resources/strike teams from your FD that are sent to a single incident.

Number of NFIRS reports to complete: 1

Incident Type: Found on arrival - Wildland (WL codes 141 -143 or 171-173)

Alarm Date/Time: Time of dispatch

Cleared Date/Time: Time your FD’s last resource was released from the incident

Aid Given/Received: If your FD was requested from the incident (or Cal OES): Use code 3 – Mutual Aid Given (most common).

If your FD was part of the initial dispatch to the incident: Use code 4 – Automatic Aid Given.

Scenario II

One or more personnel or resources from your agency are dispatched on a strike team assignment and positioned in a central location near an ongoing wildland fire in a neighboring fire department’s jurisdiction. You hold position for 3 hours and are released. You clear the position and return to the station.

Number of NFIRS reports to complete: 1

Scenario II cont...

Incident Type: 571 – Cover Assignment

Alarm Date/Time: Time of dispatch

Cleared Date/Time: Time last unit cleared strike team position

Address/Location: Stand by location

Actions Taken: 92 – Stand by (incident type 571, Actions Taken ALWAYS = 92)

Aid Given/Received: No Aid (incident type 571, Aid ALWAYS = No Aid)

Scenario III:

One or more personnel or resources from your agency are dispatched on a strike team assignment and positioned in a central location nearby an ongoing wildland fire in a neighboring fire departments jurisdiction. You hold position for 3 hours and are then dispatched to the scene of the wildland fire where you take fire extinguishing action.

Number of NFIRS reports to complete: 2 (each has its own incident number)

Report 1

Same as coding described in Scenario II above.

Report 2

Incident Type: Found on arrival - Wildland (WL codes 141 -143 or 171-173)

Alarm Date/Time: Incident alarm time is the same (or nearly identical) as the clear time for the 571 report.

Cleared Date/Time: Time last unit cleared the WL incident

Address/Location: WL incident location where you arrived

Actions Taken: Enter actions taken according to what you did on scene

Aid Given/Received: Aid Given Code 3 or 4 (aid is given when at least 1 additional fire department is on scene)

More information coding Aid Given or Received can be found on the CalStats website:

https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/media/5597/aidgiven_flowchart.pdf