

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines

SUBJECT: Civil Disturbance and/or Riots

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Policy:

East County Fire & Rescue personnel, equipment and/or apparatus shall not be used in activities related to quelling mob action unless such action is specifically authorized by the Chief of the Fire District.

The Fire Chief shall be the judge of the degree of Fire District participation, and possible implementation of Civil Disturbance procedures, during any such activities.

Members in areas not affected by Civil Disturbance activities will continue with their normal duties/activities.

First arriving unit, when encountering a situation classified as a Civil Disturbance, will notify CRESA in normal size-up manner—or via an Update. Dispatch will be directed to notify all Emergency Responders of the situation. Fire District responders are to stage, if the situation is deemed to be a hazard. (When responding to a 911 emergency that is deemed a hazard, Dispatch will notify Fire District personnel to stage until Law Enforcement is on the scene and it is deemed ‘safe’ for Fire District responders to enter). Law Enforcement will also be notified, if not already on the scene.

If the situation escalates and Fire District personnel need to leave the scene, they shall withdraw immediately—notifying COMMAND at their earliest possible convenience. Members are not obligated to take Fire District equipment or apparatus when withdrawing from unsafe situations. Members are allowed to undertake all reasonable means to protect themselves when withdrawing from a dangerous situation.