

# What to Expect **IMMEDIATE RESPONSE**

The intention of Immediate Response is to:

- Prevent or delay the need for a conflagration
- Protect structures and/or lives at imminent risk

During Immediate Response, the Oregon State Fire Marshal does not have jurisdictional or delegated authority. These resources work within the established local command structure.

## **RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT IMMEDIATE RESPONSE (FROM THE MOBILIZATION PLAN):**

- Task force makeup may look slightly different than standard (less apparatus may have been accepted by the Oregon State Fire Marshal)
- Resources may have a defined end time (generally 72 hours is the standard, but that could have been negotiated during mobilization)
- Personnel will generally not be put on per diem before 72 hours of response
- Fuel purchased between check-in and demobilization will be reimbursed – receipts must be submitted showing date, time, and location of purchase
- The local authority having jurisdiction is expected to provide maps

## **PRE-ARRIVAL**

- Communicate with the agency operations center (503-373-0001) at arrival and departure.
- Ensure you know who your point of contact will be, most likely an Oregon State Fire Marshal staff member. There may be incident management team members assigned to supervisory positions.
- Complete a Resource Manifest: one per apparatus.

## **ARRIVAL ON SCENE**

Check in with the Oregon State Fire Marshal point of contact. This person will have the most knowledge about the current situation, plans for logistics, communications channels, etc.

## **ON SCENE**

- Ensure you understand incident within an incident protocols per the local authority having jurisdiction or assigned incident management team.
- Ensure you have communications and sufficient area familiarization or mapping products.
- Ensure you understand your assignment and where you fit in the established command structure.
- Attend briefings as appropriate.
- Lodging and meal accommodations will be incident-driven. Lodging may be in hotels, at a fire camp, in a fire station, or elsewhere. Meals may be provided, or you may be asked to use the supplies you brought. Because an Immediate Response will not have an Oregon State Fire Marshal incident management team assigned, it is not uncommon for there to be little infrastructure available.

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## **HOW LONG WILL THIS ASSIGNMENT BE?**

Generally, Immediate Response is no longer than 72 hours. The timeframe is often negotiated before mobilization by the agency operation center with your fire defense board chief.

## **IF A CONFLAGRATION IS DECLARED, WILL WE BECOME PART OF THAT?**

This is negotiated by the agency operations center with your fire defense board chief.

## **WHO ARE WE WORKING FOR?**

Immediate Response resources work for the authority having jurisdiction or for a non-Oregon State Fire Marshal incident management team. Most often, this is the local fire chief.

## **ONE OF MY WILDLAND COUNTERPARTS ASKED ME TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN I WAS PLANNING TO DO; WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

The task force leader should consult with the Oregon State Fire Marshal point of contact to ensure alignment in mission.

## **WHERE DO WE GET DINNER? WHERE DO WE SLEEP?**

This is incident-driven. In some cases, there may be an established camp where you will eat and sleep. In others, the Oregon State Fire Marshal may find you accommodations elsewhere. You may be asked to rely on the 72 hours' worth of food you brought.

