

# Santa Barbara City Fire Department

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**To:** All Department Members

**Subject:** Type 6 Use

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This bulletin outlines the intended use of our new Type 6 Engine - E-603. We intend to house the engine at Station 3. The use of this new engine will be somewhat similar to how we currently use the Type 3 engines. There is no intent to force personnel into mutual aid assignments, but during immediate need requests it may be necessary for the duty crew to respond. As with any engine assignment we will work to rotate crews out who have hardships, as soon as the incident allows.

E-603 will also be used in the City during Red Flag Alerts, and vegetation fires. We plan that it will respond to automatic aid vegetation fire responses in the USFS response areas 42, 44 and 45, to the Montecito Fire Protection District, and to Santa Barbara County as an added resource. These response protocols will be discussed at the operational area mutual aid discussions in spring 2018. Bullet points below further describe details as to its use and dispatching procedures.

- ◆ Housed at Station 3
- ◆ Staffed during Red Flag Alerts by call back crews
- ◆ It will respond to vegetation fires within E-3's response area at the discretion of the Company Captain, or at the request of the duty BC.
- ◆ It will respond to auto aid vegetation fires in USFS, MTO and SBC auto aid areas. (This will be discussed and solidified at the Spring Operational Area Mutual Aid meeting).
- ◆ Respond mutual aid as a single resource or as part of a Type 6 strike team.
- ◆ Mutual Aid response will be similar to our Type 3 engine response (Station 3 crew will staff immediate need requests OR may rotate off the engine if desired on planned need requests, if there are other willing personnel of the same rank).
- ◆ Draw down numbers will be adjusted accordingly if the engine is on mutual aid assignment. In other words, we may go unavailable for certain other engine or overhead requests.

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