

Santa Barbara City Fire Department - Standard Operating Procedures Emergency Operations		Code: E-II-2
Code 2 and Code 3 Responses		
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I. RESPONSE GUIDELINES

A. The response guidelines for the Combined Communications Center for any emergency call for assistance received over the 9-1-1 telephone, via radio report, walk-in or by other means are as follows:

- a) When there is doubt, send.
- b) Always err on the side of caution.
- c) Send too much not too little.
- d) Give the victim the benefit of the doubt.

II. RESPONSE PRIORITIES

A. The Fire Department divides emergency incidents into 2 categories. Code 2 and Code 3 responses

B. Code 3 responses:

1. Explosion
2. ANY type of fire
3. Alert 2 or 3 at Airport
4. Alerts 1, 2, 3 at Airport (ARFF vehicles)
5. Hazardous Material Incident
 - a) Fire, Leak, Spill (Per Graduated Response Guidelines).
6. Medical Emergency
7. Rescue in/on Cliff, Tree, Trench, Vehicle, Confined Space, Elevator etc.
8. Traffic Accident with Injuries
9. Unknown source of smoke
10. Alarm Bells Ringing (Just the first due Engine will respond Code 3 to initial reports of Alarm Bells Ringing)

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11. Gas Main Leaking/Gas odor inside
12. Mutual Aid/Automatic Aid
13. Smoke in a building
14. Smoking Appliance

C. Code 2 responses:

1. Public Assist (Public Assist calls frequently involve the elderly and are taken Code 2.
2. Salvage
3. Smoke Odor in a Building
4. Water Vac
5. Wires Down Arcing
6. Arson, Attempted, Report
7. Bomb Threat (Including Airport Alert 4)
8. Burning Out of Hours
9. Fire Reported Out
10. Gasoline Spill
11. Hazardous Condition
12. Public Accident
13. Complaint
14. Investigation
15. Ladders Request
16. Lighting Request
17. Overcrowding
18. Service
19. Smoke Odor Outside

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20. Traffic Accident – confirmed no injuries

D. The above list is not all-inclusive; the company officer has the discretion to upgrade the response from Code 2 to Code 3 based on information received or knowledge of the location or incident.

III.DURING RESPONSE

A. Companies will communicate with one another regarding:

1. Access routes
2. Arrival information
3. Out of normal position status
4. Vital information relating to the occupancy
5. Command and control information as radio traffic permits.

B. Company Commanders will research on-apparatus resources or request from dispatch, pertinent information to include:

1. MDC – Maps and call information
2. Map Book-geographical layout, water supply, access, staging areas, base areas, barriers, etc.
3. Hazardous Materials Guides.
4. Prefire Plan information.
5. Automatic Sprinkler Book/Knox Device Section of A/S Book.
6. Thomas Brothers Map Book, or other specialty map books.
7. Premise History information.

C. If when responding to an emergency incident, a fire department unit comes across another emergency incident (M.E., T.A., or Fire) you must:

1. Stop and handle the encountered emergency incident.
2. Notify dispatch that you will be unable to continue response to the original incident and have another unit dispatched in your place.
3. Give the location of the new incident and ask for an alarm number
4. Give a size-up.

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5. Request additional resources if necessary

D. If when responding to an emergency incident, a fire department unit is involved in an accident see [O-IV-6](#) Accident review Policy

IV. GIBRALTAR ROAD RESPONSE

A. Portions of Gibraltar Road pass through three different fire jurisdictions.

B. For reports of fire, traffic accidents with injury, vehicle over the side, rescue, or other type of emergency incidents occurring on Gibraltar Road, the following will each send One Engine.

1. Santa Barbara City Fire Department
2. Santa Barbara County Fire Department
3. Montecito Fire Protection District

C. The city will respond up Gibraltar Road to the top of the hill, at East Camino Cielo with some flexibility based on the discretion of the responding company officer and/or duty Battalion Chief.