

Proposed word changing as reported by Bob Koester and Keith Conover at the February 2 ASRC BOD meeting held in Charlottesville.

- Suggested changes:

6.3.6 ASRC responds to searches with an ASRC group, associate, or affiliate already present.

ASRC teams are allowed to respond to incidents independently of the ASRC as provided for in section 6.3 of the ASRC Operations Manual. In the event of a subsequent ASRC request to respond to an incident where an ASRC team (group, associate, or affiliate) is already present, but operating independently, the ASRC team present will revert to operating under ASRC operational policies. This maintains the intent of the ASRC mission statement (Section 1 and 1.6.1 of the Operations Manual.)

If the original team's agency representative is not an ASRC Incident Commander at the appropriate level (e.g. ICG-II for a type II incident) then an ACA must be appointed in accordance with section 5.3.1. In this situation the ACA should make a reasonable attempt to follow the suggested guidelines found in text-box AAA.

ACA Guidelines for Appointment of Agency Representative when an ASRC team is already on-scene and an ASRC activation occurred.

The ACA will be sensitive to the fact that trained resources have been on-scene and developed a relationship with the legal responsible agent.

The ASRC will determine the existing command structure, future projections of the command structure, and resources enroute to the incident.

The ACA will make reasonable attempts to talk to the pre-existing agency representative, ASRC dispatch, other responding ASRC members at the IC level, and other personnel deemed relevant before sending the ASRC agency representative for the incident.

Under most circumstances the teams agency representative prior to ASRC activation should become the ASRC agency representative after ASRC activation.

Generally for purposes of information continuity and previous relationships the prior agency representative should be allowed to complete the shift.

The ACA will look at the training levels of ASRC members on-scene and responding, and while a critical selection factor, the training level is not the sole selection factor of the agency representative.

Requesting ASRC resources that were on-scene to pull-out until the arrival of a replacement Agency Representative still traveling should only occur under the most extraordinary of circumstances and requires a written report from the ACA to the ASRC BOD by the next Board meeting.

If the pre-existing agency representative is selected as the ASRC Agency Representative the ACA should contact that pre-existing ASRC Agency Representative and inform him or her of the decision, discuss the incident, and establish the parameters of the ACA-Agency Representative relationship.

Proposed friendly amendment to the suggested change.

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If the original team's agency representative is not an ARSC or VDEM Incident Commander ~~at the appropriate level (e.g. ICG II for a type II incident)~~ then an ACA must be appointed in accordance with section 5.3.1. In this situation the ACA should make a reasonable attempt to follow the suggested guidelines found in text-box AAA.

ACA Guidelines for Appointment of Agency Representative when an ASRC team is already on-scene and an ASRC activation occurred.

The ACA will be sensitive to the fact that trained resources have been on-scene and developed a relationship with the legal responsible agent or may have an existing contract for services (MOU) with the agency or state operating in.

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