

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Standard Operating Procedures

40.04.12
WILDLAND PERSONNEL
ACCOUNTABILITY



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Approved:

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Purpose: To ensure personnel safety on wildland incidents.

References: WAC 296-305-07002

Procedure:

1. Urban wildfire and wildland firefighters shall not be required to wear personal alerting devices except when wearing self-contained respiratory equipment.
2. An officer shall maintain positive communication with any individual during those times that the member is assigned an ancillary firefighting task (examples would include, but are not limited to, scout, incident safety officer, or lookout).
3. Urban wildfire and wildland firefighters engaged in direct fire attack shall work in teams of two or more unless they are in visual or voice contact with an officer.
4. On initial attack fires, the incident commander shall maintain the name and location of all personnel on the incident.
5. On extended attack fires, the incident commander shall:
 - Ensure the maintenance of the name and location of all personnel within their unit, division, or branch.
 - Transfer/confirm personnel and unit information to the appropriate incident command system (ICS) staff as soon as possible.
 - Announce transfer of command to all on scene.
 - Ensure that personnel and unit information is recorded in the command post as soon as possible.
6. When a fire "blows up" or makes a run that crosses planned control lines, officers with affected crews shall conduct an accounting of all personnel assigned to fire suppression and report any missing personnel to the incident commander.