NAME: Sonoma County Incident Support Team (IST)

PURPOSE:

- The Sonoma County Incident Support Team (IST) is formed to assist in proper management of incidents that exceed initial attack resources, the team will employ, as needed, support personnel.
- The team Mission is to provide assistance to insure that large multi-jurisdictional incidents address concerns of Safety, Accountability, and the Documentation of Personnel and Resources.
- The IST will be a division of the SCFCA Operations Section.
- The IST members will assume support roles for Command and General Staff positions (Safety, Information, Liaison, Plans, Logistics, Communications, Staging, etc, as needed).
- The IST is not intended to respond to incidents outside Sonoma County.
- The IST does not have the authority, nor is it intended to assume Command of an incident.
- The IST will provide training opportunities for agency personnel.

PROCEDURES:

- Team Membership
  - Team members will be assigned to the IST by their agency Chief. Team members should be trained and seasoned command staff that can respond and work in command and staff positions as needed.
  - A letter of assignment will be signed from their agency Chief and sent to the IST for each member.
- Activation
  - (IST) will be activated for the following reasons:
    - Upon request from the incident commander of any incident occurring within Sonoma County, through the Redcom Duty Chief.
    - Level of staffing support will be coordinated through Redcom Duty Chief and the Incident Commander.
    - Redcom to review their staffing level to meet the needs of the incident.
  - *Team members should not respond unless they have a mission or request number from Redcom.*
- Notification
  - Activation of the IST members will be through Redcom dispatch.

GENERAL:

- Redcom Duty Chief is authorized to assign training/development positions where possible.