

<p align="center">Osage Township Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines</p>	<p align="center">Revised Date: N/A</p>	<p align="center">Effective Date: 2/01/06</p>
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this standard operating guideline is to provide organization for fire department personnel arriving at an emergency scene. Staging will provide the necessary accountability and management of the reserve personnel during an incident.

COMMENTARY:

Staging is a way to keep fire department personnel manageable. It eliminates freelancing and unnecessary personnel in dangerous areas. Staging also provides for quick access to personnel when needed for duties such as rescue, relief for fatigued personnel, and essential tasks that may arise during an incident. The accountability created by staging provides for the safety and health of all the fire department personnel during any fire department operation.

PROCEDURES:

This duty shall be appointed by the Incident Commander.

All assignments will be made by the Incident Commander through the Staging Officer.

Staging should be set up in a safe and tactical area.

All personnel arriving on scene will report to the Staging Officer and then wait in the staging area for an assignment. When assigned a task by the Incident Commander, complete the assigned task and then return to the staging area.

The Staging Officer shall be responsible for recording personnel as they arrive at the scene, what assignment the personnel are given, and when the personnel leave the scene. This could also include other agencies that are needed on a scene.