

Subject:	Fire Incident Clock	
Effective:	2/10/2017	Procedure
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Reference:	S.B. Co. Fire Policies & Procedures Manual, Vol. 5.3, Structure Fire Operations	

PURPOSE

To establish the use of an incident clock during working structure fires, hazardous materials incidents or when other conditions appear to be time sensitive or dangerous, or at the direction of the Incident Commander (I.C.).

PROCEDURE

1. Upon notification by the first arriving resource of a “working structure fire”, the dispatcher will immediately start an incident clock (set the timer) and enter a notation into the CAD incident (i.e., “Incident clock started”).
 - a. The dispatcher shall notify the Incident Commander (I.C.) at every 10 minute increment with the elapsed time.
 - b. The dispatcher will enter a notation into the CAD incident.
 - c. The incident clock will be terminated when notification from the I.C. has been received that resources are no longer working in the immediately dangerous to life health environments or it is no longer needed.

2. Any resource arriving on scene of an incident may make the determination that an incident clock is required and request the dispatcher begin an incident clock.
 - a. This could include vegetation fires with wires down, hazardous materials incidents in an enclosed space, or any other incident with life hazards.