

Subject:	<b>S.B. Co. Regional Task Force 12</b>	
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**PURPOSE**

Santa Barbara County Regional Task Force 12 (RTF-12) is an Operational Area USAR Team (Urban Search and Rescue). Its primary purpose is to respond to large scale incidents, such as earthquakes, but can also be utilized for any incident where heavy rescue equipment is needed.

**PROCEDURE**

1. Upon notification, the fire dispatcher will notify the on-duty South Battalion Chief and the Duty Officer.
  - a. The call taker will ascertain the name of the incident, the reporting location for the responding team, the name and callback number of the reporting party or Incident Commander and any additional information such as radio command and tactical frequencies.
  - b. The South Battalion Chief and/or the Duty Officer will direct the fire dispatcher to make further notifications.
    - i. The fire dispatcher will contact all other dispatch centers in the County via ring-down line to have them notify their respective team members.
  
2. Upon notification, the Task Force Leader and/or his designee will normally respond right away to gather advance information such as assignments and directions for incoming resources.
  - a. The Task Force will respond shortly thereafter.
  - b. Annual MOBEX drills are held to exercise the system which will include the dispatch centers.