

**CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
FIRE DEPARTMENT
PERSONNEL GUIDELINE**

SUBJECT: Activation of Special Response Unit - (SRU)	NUMBER: 132
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I. PURPOSE

To establish the manner in which on-duty dispatcher will activate the Auburn Hills Special Response Unit (SRU) which includes members of both the police and fire departments. The Auburn Hills SRU team will be responding to any and all emergencies involving hazardous materials, rope rescue, confined spaces, and any other calls requiring special assistance. The SRU team will be activated in one of two ways.

1. Any Auburn Hills station may request the activation of the SRU team by contacting dispatch.
2. By activation of the Troy Plectron located in dispatch, by the City of Troy whenever Troy's team is requested.

Activation of the Auburn Hill's SRU will require the utilization of both the fire department's paging system and the alphanumeric pagers that have been issued to police officers that are members of the team.

II. PLECTRON LOCATION AND USE

A Plectron belonging to the Troy Fire department has been placed in the dispatch center. At all times this unit must be plugged in with the volume set at an audible level. The only daily action required of dispatchers will be to reset the Plectron at the end of Troy's daily test. This unit should be placed in an area where the P.S.O.'s will be able to easily monitor all communications and reset it.

III. S.R.U. Activation

Auburn Hill's SRU team members will respond to all incidents involving hazardous materials, high angle rescue, building collapse, and confined space entry in our City with the City of Troy. When Troy activates the All Call Tone and the Plectron activates in our dispatch center the P.S.O. on duty will initiate the following.

1. The dispatcher will obtain:
 - a.) Location of the incident and if necessary obtain cross streets by contacting the Troy Dispatch Center.
 - b.) Nature of the incident or type of service being requested.
 - c.) The code response that should be used by the team.
2. After obtaining the above listed information the dispatcher will "Tone Out" the Auburn Hills Special Response Unit (SRU) which will require 2 different actions.
 - a.) Fire Department members will be dispatched by activating the "All Call Tone" on the Fire Paging System.
 - b.) SRU members from the police department, and fire department staff will be notified by sending out a message on the Alphanumeric Paging System. It is essential that cross streets be given in this message since these members may be responding from areas outside of the City.
3. All SRU members within the city will then report to either Fire Station 1 or 3, notify the Auburn Hills dispatcher, and Troy command by radio of their response and manpower.
4. When possible the Auburn Hills dispatcher should update team members through the alphanumeric pagers when the team informs dispatch that they are responding. (ex. 3 trucks and 7 members enroute) so these team members will know whether to respond to the scene or to one of the fire stations.
5. Dispatch will notify the team via alert tone/alphanumerics of any changes in the nature of the call, ie. cancellation, stepped up response, manpower needs, special or changing conditions. An SRU team leader or senior member will then notify dispatch of any changes in the teams' response which will be relayed to members via the alert tone/alpha numeric.