



The SC Firefighter Mobilization Act was signed in July 2000. It is a statewide emergency response system designed to coordinate and deploy in-state fire and rescue resources during large-scale emergencies, disasters, and incidents that exceed the capabilities of the local jurisdiction.

The program allows fire departments across the state to request personnel, apparatus, equipment, and specialized teams. This allows for a structured and efficient response by organizing resources through a statewide and regional coordinators.

SC Firefighter Mobilization does not take the place of any local mutual aid agreements, but only enhances them by providing statewide aid and acting as a force multiplier.

SC Firefighter Mobilization operates under the South Carolina State Fire Marshal's Office and governs the Emergency Response Task Force System which includes SC-Task Force 1, five Regional Urban Search and Rescue Teams, the SC Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team, and the Palmetto Incident Support Team.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION

SC State Fire is responsible for providing essential services and support to protect lives and property through fire prevention, training, and emergency response efforts. SC State Fire's mission focuses on safeguarding communities by preparing first responders and implementing measures to prevent and respond to incidents. SC Firefighter Mobilization supports SC State Fire's mission by ensuring a rapid and coordinated response to large-scale emergencies, enhancing firefighter safety and resource efficiency across the state.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

- SC Firefighter Mobilization can be initiated at any time at the request of an incident commander or County Emergency Manager.
- Additionally, SC Firefighter Mobilization can be initiated by the SC State Fire Marshal as part of the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan and ESF 4 and 9 responses to possible conditions that could impact the state.
- To receive assistance, the department must have a signed statewide mutual aid agreement on file with SCEMD.
- Activation does not require a declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor.

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