



**MESCAL J-6
FIRE DISTRICT**

**STANDARD OPERATING
POLICY # 108**

Volunteer Availability

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide an effective means whereby staff and volunteer firefighters can easily identify the number of firefighters available to respond to an incident in real time.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all volunteer firefighters and command staff.

III. POLICY

It shall be the policy of this fire district that all members utilize the eDispatches application to note their availability to respond to incidents, and to confirm they are responding when paged for incident response.

IV. PROCEDURES

1. Upon joining the District, each member shall provide the Fire Chief or his designee their mobile phone number, name of their cell carrier, and the type of phone operating system they utilize.
2. The Fire Chief or his designee shall enter the information into eDispatches.com and obtain a unique activation code for each member.
3. The member shall install the eDispatches app and activate the application as required.
4. No later than 0800 each day, Members shall navigate to the "Availability" section of the eDispatches application and note whether they are available or unavailable to respond to an incident. The "maybe" status shall not be used.
5. Members are requested to update the application throughout the day as their individual availability changes.
6. Members may view the status of all by checking the eDispatches application on their phone, or by viewing the computer monitor located in the Station 171 bays specifically for this purpose.
7. Members availability, while not confidential, is to be used for official purposes only. No outside entity or person is to be informed of another members availability.
8. This system will enhance our capability and allow for safer incident responses, but only if utilized by all members. Members habitually failing to update their availability are subject to disciplinary action.

Approved by the Mescal-J6 Fire District Governing Board on October 30, 2019.