

**STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

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SUPERSEDES: New  
TITLE: Newsworthy Assignments

**BACKGROUND**

Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District (District) is dedicated to providing effective public education and professional service to our community. The District will keep the community informed of our efforts and activities by assisting and cooperating with the news media.

**GENERAL**

The duty Public Information Officer shall be notified of all potential newsworthy incidents or media request. However, if during an assignment there are media representatives on scene; personnel may request a PIO at any time. If a request for information is made at the scene of an incident, familiarity with *Release of Information Policy* is required.

**SPECIFIC:**

The Incident IC is responsible to establish the PIO position and carry our Public Information Policies.

If available, the duty Public Information Officer shall be notified of the following types of Incidents.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm fires or greater
- 2nd alarm Wildland fires
- Incidents with special interest aspects, which may generate media interest. (Livestock threatened, multiple evacuation potential, politically or publicly well-known persons, rescues other than in vehicles, high rise buildings, historical buildings and etc.)
- When requested by a Chief Officer
- Train derailment
- Aircraft down incident

- Fire-related death at an incident
- Vehicle accident with fire and fire injury
- Technical rescues. (Mines, trench/building collapse, high/low angle rope rescue, haz-mat, swift-water).
- Any Safe Surrender babies received at the fire stations.

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