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6.3.6 ASRC responses to searches with an ASRC group, associate, or affiliate already present.

ASRC teams may respond to incidents independently of the conference as provided for in Section 6.3 of the ASRC Operations Manual. In the event that the ASRC is requested to respond to an incident where an ASRC team (group, associate, or affiliate) is already present and operating independently, the team and conference will function as one organization under ASRC operational policies. This maintains the intent of the ASRC mission statement (Section 1 and 1.6.1 of the Operations Manual.)

Guidelines for Appointment of Agency Representative (AR) when an ASRC team is already on-scene and an ASRC activation has occurred.

If the original team's AR is a certified ASRC IC at the appropriate level (e.g. ICG-II for a type II incident), the AR will automatically become the ASRC AR.

If the original team's AR is not a certified ASRC IC at the appropriate level, an ACA will be appointed in accordance with Section 5.3.1 of the Operations Manual. The ACA should make a reasonable attempt to:

- Be sensitive to the fact trained resources have been on-scene and developed a relationship with the legal responsible agent. Under most circumstances the team's agency representative prior to ASRC activation should remain the AR after ASRC activation, and at minimum complete the current shift.
- Examine the existing command structure, future projections of the command structure, and resources enroute to the incident.
- Talk to the original team's AR, ASRC dispatch, and other responding members at the appropriate IC level before selecting the AR for the incident. While a critical selection factor, the training level is not the sole consideration for selection of the AR.
- If the ACA determines that the original team's AR should continue as the ASRC AR, the ACA will inform him or her of the decision, discuss the incident, and establish the parameters of the ACA-AR relationship.
- If the ACA determines to appoint a new AR that is still enroute, ASRC resources will not be requested to pull-out until their arrival unless there are the most extraordinary of circumstances. This action requires a written report from the ACA to the ASRC BOD by the next Board meeting.