

HEADQUARTERS  
CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT



SPECIAL ORDER X X X

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INTRODUCTION:

The Fire Department and the Police Department are the two principal components of the PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION of the Chicago Civil Defense Corps. (See attached Organizational Chart and Summarized Description of the Corps).

The Civil Defense Operational Procedure for the Fire Services is set forth herein under the title "SPECIAL ORDER X X X".

"SPECIAL ORDER X X X" consists of three parts as set forth below. Each part provides for fire department procedure corresponding to the warning signals emanating from the U. S. Air Defense Command and the Federal Civil Defense Administration and received in Chicago via the Key Point Warning Telephone located in the Main Fire Alarm Office. These signals and the parts of this order conditional to them are as follows:

PART 1 - "ALERT" Warning (Advance Warning), Fire Department dispersal upon transmission of Signal 9-9-9-9.

PART 2 - "TAKE COVER" Warning (Attack Warning), Fire Department supplements air raid sirens upon receipt of signal 7-7-7-7.

PART 3 - "ALL CLEAR" Warning. Fire Department companies at their regular stations supplement Air Raid Sirens upon receipt of Signal 5-5-5-5 and then respond to damaged area if city has been hit or return to normal stations if attack has been unsuccessful.

PART 1 - "ALERT" - (Advance Warning) --

1. The "ALERT" may come thirty minutes or more before the "TAKE COVER". It will mean that the Air Defense Command has located enemy planes heading in our direction. "ALERT" Warning will be transmitted

to the public by radio through the Chicago "CONELRAD" clusters. (See "CONELRAD" brochure attached). Upon receipt of the "ALERT" Warning, all components of the Chicago Civil Defense Corps will be alerted and the Primary and Alternate Control Centers of the Corps will be activated.

2. Subsequent to the "ALERT" Warning and upon instruction from the Civil Defense Director, the Chief Fire Marshal will order the Fire Alarm Office to transmit Signal 9-9-9-9 to all fire stations. Upon receipt of Signal 9-9-9-9 fire department movement to Dispersal Stations will be accomplished by changing of the following companies to the assigned Dispersal Areas:

DISPERSAL STATION NO. 1 - Sunset Ridge School, Sunset Ridge & Willow Roads (1 block east of Route 42A or 41), Winnetka, Illinois.  
Phone: Winnetka 6-1146

Engines: Number 22, 40, 42, 56, 70, 71, 79, 98, 112, 128

Hook & Ladders: Number 9, 10, 21, 43 and 47

Squad: Number 4

Battalion Chiefs: Number 2, 3, 13

Ambulance: Number 6

C. D. Fire & Rescue Unit Number 476                      Total: 34

Insurance Patrol: Number 5

Mechanical Service: Number 1

Electrical Service: Number 1

Reserve Engines: Number - 10

DISPERSAL STATION NO. 2 - Itasca Country Club, Route 19, (East of Railroad Depot), Itasca, Illinois  
Phone: 30 and 515

Engines: Number 20, 26, 43, 57, 69, 76, 91, 94, 108, 110

Hook & Ladders: Number 13, 23, 35, 38 and 57

Squad: Number 6

Battalion Chiefs: Number 4, 20, 24                      Total: 32

Ambulance: Number 3

C.D. Fire & Rescue Unit Number 475

Mechanical Service: Number 2

Reserve Engines: 10

DISPERSAL STATION NO. 3 - Roosevelt Rd & Park Ave. (Intersection)  
Alt. 30 or Route 64, Glen Ellyn, Illinois  
Phone: Glen Ellyn 1583 - 9813

Engines: Number 5, 8, 18, 21, 23, 95, 96, 109, 117, 125  
Hook & Ladders: Number 12, 26, 28, 39, 46  
Squad: Number 2  
Battalion Chiefs: Number 6, 18, 24  
Ambulance: Number 2 Total: 35  
C.D. Fire & Rescue Unit: Number 474  
High Pressure: Number 1  
Water Tower: Number 1  
Light Wagon: Number 1  
Insurance Patrol: Number 2  
Reserve Engines: 10

DISPERSAL STATION No. 4 - Highland School, Downers Grove, Illinois  
Highland Rd (Route N), south of Ogden Ave.  
R-34, Phone: Downers Grove 5182

Engines: Number 34, 44, 48, 49, 53, 54, 61, 66, 113, 122  
Hook & Ladders: Number 8, 14, 18, 41, 48  
Squad: Number 9  
Battalion Chiefs: Number 15, 21, 28 Total: 31  
Ambulance: Number 10  
C.D. Fire & Rescue Unit Number 472  
Reserve Engines: 11

DISPERSAL STATION No. 5 - Southmoor Golf Club, Orland Park, Ill.  
131st St. & Southwest Highway, Route 7,  
Phone: Gibson 8-0777

Engines: Number 28, 36, 62, 64, 73, 77, 99, 115, 123, 127  
Hook & Ladders: Number 24, 34, 45, 50, 52  
Squad: Number 12  
Battalion Chiefs: Number 11, 12, 26 Total: 31  
Ambulance: Number 14,  
Mechanical Service: Number 3  
Reserve Engines: 10  
C. D. Fire & Rescue Unit Number 471

DISPERSAL STATION No. 6 - Calumet Country Club, Homewood, Illinois  
175th St. one block west of Dixie Highway,  
Route 54 (2000 W), Phone: Homewood 106

Engines: Number 16, 45, 63, 72, 80, 81, 84, 87, 93, 100  
Hook & Ladders: Number 11, 30, 37, 42, 49  
Squad: Number 3  
Battalion Chiefs: Number 10, 16, 19  
Ambulance: Number 4 Total: 32  
C. D. Fire & Rescue Unit Number 473  
Insurance Patrol: Number 4  
Electrical Service: Number 2  
Reserve Engines: 10

Marine Engine Dispersal:

Engine 37 - Lake Michigan (Wilmette Harbor)  
Engine 41 - Sanitary & Ship Canal to Route 83 (Bridge)  
Engine 58 - Lake Michigan to Indiana Harbor.

Fireboat Engine Companies 37 and 58 shall head for Lake Michigan upon receipt of Signal 9-9-9 and take up positions six miles off shore. Fireboat Engine Company 41 shall leave its dock and proceed southwest in the Chicago River to the Cicero Avenue Bridge. These companies shall remain in their respective locations for radio orders.

The foregoing list of changes will be posted at the instrument boards in all company quarters.

3. Those companies not specified in the foregoing list shall remain in their quarters. All companies involved in the Dispersal movement shall place the fire clothes of off-duty men aboard their apparatus before leaving quarters. In addition, they shall carry 5 gallons of drinking water in jugs and 3 gallons of lubricating oil which shall be conveniently located on the trucks. Engine Companies shall carry an additional 500 feet of 3-inch hose and/or 2-1/2 inch hose. All responding companies shall have their gas tanks filled at convenient gas stations after arriving at their assigned designations. Officers in charge shall sign receipts for gasoline procured in this manner.
4. In this Dispersal operation, companies shall not sound their sirens, but shall proceed with safety and dispatch using their bells only when necessary.

