

Oil and Gas Talking Points

- Dispatch centers should have current oil and gas development maps and can provide current oil and gas policies identifying the procedures to take in the case of a wildfire in the oil and gas field. If a fire is reported to be in or near an oil and gas field, dispatch will notify all responding resources of the risk associated with the preliminary location.
- Oil and gas Resource Advisors (READs) are experts in the field of oil and gas operations. READs serve as a liaison between the fire management, industry, and the District Manager. READs should be used to advise incident commanders (I.C.s) and fire managers on safety and risk management. READs work for the Field Manager and therefore should be assigned as appropriate based upon each Field Office's READ program.
- When arriving on scene, I.C.s will notify the appropriate dispatch center of the owner of the facility and its location.
- Before entering an area that has been identified as a potential H₂S location, a READ from oil and gas should be on scene. This will provide for necessary guidance and monitoring capabilities.
- If dozer operations are likely, ask the dispatch center to notify the appropriate utility representative. Do not assume that pipelines are buried deeply or are directly under their markers. Dozer operators and bosses need to be extremely cautious.
- The large, open spaces created by well pads and rights-of-way make convenient and tempting areas for firefighting operations, staging areas, and safety zones yet the presence of hazardous materials, high pressure pipelines and industrial equipment can create a dangerous environment for untrained personnel.