

# SOUTHWEST AREA



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**Directed To:** SWA Type 1 Incident Commanders

**From:** Southwest Coordinating Group

**Topic/Issue:** SWA Type 1 Team Freelance Assignments

The Southwest Coordinating Group is clarifying the SWA Type 1 Team Freelance Assignments policy as defined in the SW Mobilization guide in Chapter 60, Section 68.1.c. (Attachment 1) This clarification is to further define the periods freelancing is allowed.

For Preparedness Level 1 – This should read both the SWA and the National Preparedness are at PL1. It will now read:

**Southwest Area and National Preparedness Level 1**  
Unrestricted freelancing.

For Preparedness Level 2 – This should read both the SWA and the National Preparedness are at either PL1 or PL2. It will now read:

**Southwest Area and National at or below Preparedness Level 2**  
“On Call” Team: Freelancing allowed within the Area only.  
“Off Call” Team: Freelancing allowed nationally.

IARR Assignments: Freelancing allowed nationally.  
(Check in frequency will be adjusted based on “Call Out” probability and “on call” IARR’s will be recalled as situations dictate.)

For the SWA Preparedness Level 3 – Effective immediately this will read SWA Preparedness Level is at PL3 or above or the National Preparedness Level is at PL4 or above. It will now read:

**Southwest Area Preparedness Level 3, 4, or 5  
Or National Preparedness Level 4 or 5**

“On Call” Team: Freelancing allowed within the home zone only.

“Off Call” Team: Freelancing allowed within the Southwest Area only.

IARR Assignments: “Off Call” team members may freelance nationally.  
(Check in frequency will be adjusted based on “Call Out” probability and “on call” IARRs will be recalled immediately if team is placed “On Call” or situation becomes critical.)

There are no changes to freelancing guidelines within each Preparedness Level.

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Attachment 1

## **Southwest Area Mobilization Guide Chapter 60 • Crews, Overhead, and Specialty Positions**

### **68.1.c SWA Type 1 Team Freelance Assignments**

**Preamble:** Freelance direction will be determined by the Center Director Southwest Coordination Center, Southwest Fire Management Board, and the Type 1 Incident Commanders based on the national rotation situation. Changes in such direction will be formally communicated to the Southwest Coordination Center, Zone Coordination Center, and to the team members by the local Zone Coordination Center they are dispatching from.

#### **Preparedness Level 1**

Unrestricted freelancing.

#### **Preparedness Level 2**

“On Call” Team: Freelancing allowed within the Area only. “Off Call” Team: Freelancing allowed nationally.

IARR Assignments: Freelancing allowed nationally.

(Check in frequency will be adjusted based on “Call Out” probability and “on call” IARR’s will be recalled as situations dictate.)

#### **SWA Preparedness Level 3**

“On Call” Team: Freelancing allowed within the home zone only.

“Off Call” Team: Freelancing allowed within the Southwest Area only.

IARR Assignments: “Off Call” team members may freelance nationally.

(Check in frequency will be adjusted based on “Call Out” probability and “on call” IARRs will be recalled immediately if team is placed “On Call” or situation becomes critical.)

When team need in Southwest Area is minimal, the ability to freelance will be determined by the Center Director Southwest Coordination Center, Southwest Fire Management Board, and Type 1 Team Incident Commanders.