

Emergency Notifications

1049.1 PURPOSE

California Government Code §3100, designates all public employees as Disaster Service Workers. This policy establishes guidelines for issuing mass notifications to Members regarding catastrophic incidents affecting the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department. Emergency notifications shall be initiated providing Department Members with essential emergency information and potential emergency employee recall. These notifications shall not be used for day-to-day operations.

1049.2 COMMUNICATION TYPES

The Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department shall use any available communication types to relay information to Members. This process includes the activation of the "AlertOC" mass notification system. This allows responsible parties to deliver notifications over multiple communication types including voice, email and text. While this tool may be used by the Department to relay emergency information, Members are encouraged to monitor local media outlets for additional information regarding emergency conditions.

1049.3 MEMBER INFORMATION

The AlertOC system contains Member contact information to notify Members and their families with essential emergency information using various communication types. This system requires regular maintenance to ensure Members and family members can be contacted in an emergency. This contact information shall be managed by the Department Commander, or designee in compliance with OCSD Policy §215, and shall strictly be used for notification of a significant event.

1049.4 MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

When a notification is received that requires Member action, all required Members shall respond to the notification directions. The notifications shall allow the Department Commander, or designee to determine Member safety, and staffing of emergency related positions.