**Purpose:** This policy outlines the criteria and procedures for Central Coos Fire & Rescue to respond to calls that are outside of our designated district. The primary objective is to ensure the effective and efficient allocation of resources while prioritizing the safety of our personnel and the communities we serve.

**Scope:** This policy applies to all members of Central Coos Fire & Rescue and governs their response to emergencies occurring outside of our district boundaries.

**Policy:**

1. **Definition of Out-of-District Calls:**
	* Out-of-district calls refer to emergencies, incidents, or requests for assistance that occur beyond the boundaries of the Central Coos Fire & Rescue designated service area.
2. **Primary Responsibility:**
	* The primary responsibility of Central Coos Fire & Rescue is to respond to emergencies within our designated district.
	* Responding to out-of-district calls will be secondary to fulfilling our obligations within our primary coverage area.
3. **Criteria for Response:**
	* Central Coos Fire & Rescue may respond to out-of-district calls under the following circumstances:
		+ Mutual/Auto Aid Agreements: When formal aid agreements are in place with neighboring jurisdictions, and our assistance is requested or required.
		+ Conflagration: When the response is to prevent a possible conflagration that would pose a threat to the district
		+ Immediate Threat to Life or Property: When the incident poses an immediate threat to life, public safety, or significant property damage, a decision will be made on a case-by-case basis. Significant consideration should be placed on the risk to the department and personnel before a decision to respond.
		+ Others: ( This will be from the list the board decides on at the meeting)
4. **Training and Preparedness:**
	* Members of Central Coos Fire & Rescue will receive training on the procedures and protocols for responding to out-of-district calls.
	* Regular drills and exercises may be conducted to ensure readiness and familiarity with mutual aid agreements and interoperability with neighboring agencies.

**Implementation:** This policy shall be communicated to Central Coos Fire & Rescue members and compliance is mandatory. Training and education initiatives will be undertaken to ensure understanding and adherence to the policy guidelines.