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| **Incident Clock** | Related Policies: Operations at Structure Fires, Accountability Procedures; SCBA; Rapid Intervention Teams; ICS |
| *This policy is for internal use only and does not enlarge an employee’s civil liability in any way. The policy should not be construed as creating a higher duty of care, in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party civil claims against employees. A violation of this policy, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this department for non-judicial administrative action in accordance with the laws governing employee discipline.* |
| Applicable KY Statutes: |
| OSHA:  |
| NFPA Standard: 1500 Ch. 8.2.4, 1561 |
| Date Implemented: | Review Date: |

1. **Purpose:** To provide a mechanism to allow personnel operating at an emergency scene to keep track of elapsed time, thereby meeting the requirements of NFPA 1500, 8.2.4
2. **Policy:** It is the policy of the fire department to comply with NFPA 1500 and NFPA 1561 to help ensure the safety of personnel operating at emergency incidents.
3. **Procedure**
4. The Dispatch center shall initiate an incident clock upon the arrival of the first-arriving unit at the scene of a working structure fire, hazardous material incident, dive rescue incident, confined space rescue incident, when other conditions appear to be time-sensitive or dangerous, or when requested to do so by the Incident Commander.
5. Dispatch shall notify the incident commander at every 10-minute interval, and provide the elapsed time since units arrived on the scene.

 EXAMPLE: Dispatch to Command, you are now at 10 minutes elapsed time

1. The elapsed time notification shall continue to be made at 10 minute intervals until the fire is contained (knocked down), the hazard is mitigated, or the incident is placed under control (becomes static).
2. The incident commander may cancel the incident clock/elapsed time notifications at any time based on the incident conditions by informing Dispatch to discontinue the incident clock.

**Editor’s Note:** Some departments may choose to use an incident clock whenever companies respond in extremely hot or extreme cold weather, as per local parameters.