

Orchard Farm Fire Protection District Standard Operating Procedure

Division: 200 Emergency Operations
Section: 202 Fire & Rescue
Subject: 202.09 Fire - Unauthorized Burn



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PURPOSE:

To define the District's response to unauthorized burns

RESPONSIBILITY:

All District Personnel

PROCEDURES:

Unauthorized burns are any controlled burn that is conducted without the issuance of a burn permit and shall elicit a response on the quite. The response shall be upgraded anytime the source of the fire cannot be determined or it is unclear if the fire is under control.

The incident commander shall make contact with the property owner and confirm their desire to allow the fire to continue to burn. If the fire poses no danger, is not disruptive to the environment, is under control and is a nuisance to no one, it may be allowed to burn out. The property owner shall then be instructed on how to obtain a burn permit from the district website.

If the Incident Commander determines the fire to pose a danger, be disruptive to the environment, be out of control or is a nuisance to anyone, it shall be immediately extinguished.

Repeat offenders can be referred to law enforcement and may result in misdemeanor and punishment as provided by law.

When the property owner cannot be contacted the fire shall be treated as unintentional and extinguished as a threat to the property.