



**Nelson County Emergency Services Council**  
**Nelson County, Virginia**

<b><i>Nelson County Emergency Services Council Standard Operating Guideline</i></b>	
Subject:	Tanker Strike Team
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**Purpose:**

To establish a procedure for providing ample water to support fire suppression.

**Procedure:**

Any time there is a working structure fire or a reasonable suspicion from pre-arrival information that a structure fire is in progress, the Tanker Strike Team will be added to the dispatch assignment. The closest 4 tankers will be dispatched to an incident. Out-of-County resources should be included when appropriate.

Tankers are discouraged from "nursing" apparatus pumping on-scene. The use of drop-tanks is preferred.

When possible, dispatch will advise responding tankers of the closest pressurized hydrant, dry hydrant, or draft site.

For safety reasons, tanker operators should not back to a dump tank site without a "spotter."

Water supply operations should ideally utilize a radio frequency which is different from the suppression frequency. (FRGTAC 2 or NCOP) As always, radio transmissions should be kept to a minimum.