Bath Township Fire Department			Standard Operating Guideline	
Section **Operations**	**Referral No.** **O-31**	**Subject:** **Staging Operation**	**Date Issued** **3/03**	**Date Revised** **3/08**

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for safe operation of staging area.

Scope:

- This standard operating guideline shall apply to all personnel.

Responsibilities:

- Officer
  - Ensure that personnel respond properly.
  - Provide direction based on the Incident Command System.
  - The Incident Commander shall designate a staging area if the size and complexity of the incident warrants it.
- Personnel
  - All personnel have the responsibility of following the direction of Incident Command at an emergency scene.

Staging Operations:

- Staging is where unassigned equipment and/or personnel are located.
- Additional Staging may be necessary for incoming resources.
- A staging officer will be assigned by the I.C.
- The Staging Officer responsible for coordinating all activities at the staging area.
  - This Officer's radio designations will be **Staging.**
- Staging reports directly to Command until an Operations officer is assigned.
- Dispatch shall advise the requested resources to proceed to the staging area for assignment.
  - Once staging area has been designated all units shall report to the appropriate Staging Officer upon arrival.
- When requested by Command/Operations, the staging officer will assign resources as needed.
- Staging will advise Command/Operations of the specific units assigned task.
- Staging will give Command/Operations periodic updates of available resources in staging area. The Command/Operations shall use this information to request additional units.