




# COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Special Tactic and Response (STAR) incidents are large scale natural disasters and man-made disasters that require an emergency response by multiple agencies or resources not normally available during routine operations. STAR incidents are likely to temporarily exceed the immediate capabilities of the Police Department.

## 2.0 EXAMPLES OF STAR INCIDENTS

Special Tactic and Response (STAR) incidents include, but are not limited to:

Airplane crashes	Major gas pipeline leaks
Collapsed bridges	Mass casualty incidents
Collapsed buildings	Sewer explosions (large)
Dam failures	Swift water rescues
Fires affecting multiple buildings	Tornados
Large explosions	Water system failure
Large hazardous material leaks	Wind damage
Large railway accidents	

## 3.0 NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE

Watch Commanders, Captains, and members of the Command Staff are authorized to request that the Communications Center activate the STAR incident procedures and shall provide the telecommunicator with the location of the incident, type/size of incident, and the location of the Incident Command Post and staging area.

The Columbia-Richland Communications Shift Supervisor will send a STAR Incident Message to designated command-level representatives from local public safety, public health, and emergency management agencies are notified and respond to provide resources, logistical support, and management expertise as necessary to adequately control the situation.