**NOT USED AT THIS TIME**

**Benchmark Time Procedure**

Benchmark Time Announcements shall be announced by dispatch every 10 minutes after being requested by the I.C. The Benchmark Time Announcements should be incrementing i.e. 10 minute benchmark, 20 minute benchmark, 30 minute benchmark and so on. Benchmark Time Announcements allow for a uniform way of tracking how long units are on scene and how long the incident has been ongoing. This is a way to “nudge” the I.C. to keep the scene moving and to continually monitor potential changes in the conditions of the scene. These changes can be either positive or negative.

The Incident Commander shall request the implementation of the Benchmark Time Announcement procedure anytime that dispatch has not automatically began them on all “working” incidents. This might include but not limited to:

* Structure Fires
* Extrications
* Trauma Alerts
* Cardiac Arrests
* Major Medical Calls

The I.C. should evaluate the progression of the scene at each benchmark and ensure that all personnel operating on the scene are safe and accounted for.

Benchmark Time Announcements should be terminated by the I.C. when the incident is stabilized.