

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE - 1.2.1

TOPIC - ALARM RESPONSE - MINIMUM APPARATUS REQUIREMENT

PURPOSE:

To establish the minimum resource requirement for effective management of any given emergency.

GENERAL:

The minimums established herein are suggestions for first alarm assignments. They are not meant to restrict the ability of the Incident Commander to determine what is specifically needed for each incident and to make necessary adjustments.

GUIDELINES:

PERSONNEL: Minimum staffing for each type of apparatus. Note that these minimums are desired recommendations only and are not meant to restrict or prohibit a response of apparatus if there are fewer persons available when the apparatus is ready to respond. However, apparatus must wait an appropriate length of time to provide for the greatest possibility of meeting these standards.

STRUCTURAL ENGINE	3 Persons
RESCUE	2 Persons (Note: 1118 = 4 persons)
WATER TENDER	2 Persons
BRUSH ENGINE	2 Persons

NOTE: When notifying dispatch of your going en-route identify staffing levels.

STRUCTURE FIRE: 2 - Engines, 1 - Water Tender, 1 - Rescue

NOTE: In areas where there are hydrants the Water Tender is not necessary and may be replaced with another Engine.

VEHICLE FIRE: 2 - Engines, 1 - Water Tender, 1 - Rescue

NOTE: In areas where there are hydrants the Water Tender is not necessary and may be replaced with another Engine.

WILDLAND FIRE: 1 - Brush Engine, 1 - Structural Engine, 1 - Water Tender, 1 - Rescue

NOTE: Though it is desired to have a combination of Brush and Structural Engines there may be times where 2 Structural Engines may meet the need adequately.

MEDICAL: 2 - Rescues

NOTE: It is important that staffing qualifications are balanced to meet the need of the incident.

NOTE: Engine companies that have been designated and equipped as Medical Response Engines may meet part of the need for this minimum.

M.V.A.: 2 - Rescues, 1 - Engine

SPECIAL RESCUES: 2 - Rescues, 1 - Engine

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: 1 - Rescue, 1 - Engine

MUTUAL AID & AUTOMATIC AID

Follow the specific guidelines for Mutual Aid requests and Automatic Aid Agreements.