

## ALARM RESPONSE AND STAFFING – HYDRANT AREA

### Purpose:

To establish basic guidelines for the staffing, number, and type of apparatus to be dispatched for a variety of incident that may occur within the hydrant areas of the District.

### Classification of Alarms:

- A. ALS Squad Response – 1 ALS squad or 1 BLS squad with a medic unit, when an ALS squad is not available shall be dispatched for incidents requiring ALS care such as: Allergic Reaction, Chest Pain/Heart Attack, Stroke, Difficulty Breathing, Diabetic Reaction, Overdose, and Seizures.
- B. BLS Squad Response – 1 ALS squad or 1 BLS squad shall be dispatched for incidents requiring BLS care such as: Abdominal Pain, Back Pain, Person Fell (Under 6 Feet) and Subject III.
- C. Brush Response – 1 brush truck shall be dispatched for incidents involving brush, grass, trees, mulch and/or unauthorized burns.
- D. Engine and Squad Response – 1 engine and 1 ALS squad shall be dispatched for incidents requiring the response of an ALS squad and additional manpower such as: Carbon Monoxide/Inhalation/Haz, Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest/DOA, Drowning, Elevator/People Trapped, Injury Accident, Stabbing/Gunshot, Penetrating Trauma, and Unconscious/Fainting.
- E. Extrication Response – 2 engines and 1 ALS squad shall be dispatched for cave-ins and accidents involving extrication.
- F. Fire Alarm Response – 1 engine and 1 ladder shall be dispatched on fire alarms, bomb threats, explosions with no fire, fires in outside structures, inside propane/natural gas leaks and strange smells/odors in a residence/business.
- G. Structure Fire Response – 2 engine, 1 ladder, 1 ALS squad and 1 brush truck (for the SCBA re-fill station) shall be dispatched on all chimney fires, explosions with fires, electrical fires in a structure, kitchen fires, plane crash, structure fire or smoke in the residence/business.

### General Guidelines:

- A. Target hazard buildings located within the District may have a greater initial alarm assignment depending on life safety and/or building size.
- B. Calling a second alarm will bring 2 additional engines and 1 additional ladder to the scene.
- C. Each additional alarm up to the fifth will bring 2 more engines to the scene.

- D. If all of the available engines from the District are going to be tied up for more than one hour a mutual aid engine should be called to stand-by in for coverage. This unit should not come from a department that already has apparatus assigned to the original incident.

**Order of Response:**

Typically all fires, with the exception of trash and vehicle fires, require a multi-unit response of District vehicles. The following is established to assist personnel with the desired order of response to structure fires within the District.

Nature of the Incident:	1CH-Chimney Fire, 1EF-Explosion/Fire, 1ET-Electrical Fire, 1OV-Oven/Stove/Kitchen Fire, 1SF-Structure Fire, 1SR-Smoke in Residence/Business
1 <sup>st</sup> Out:	Engine 701 and Squad 714 (Personnel from 714 should get dressed, as they will serve as a part of the ladder crew once it arrives)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Out:	Ladder 710 <i>*Squad 715 with 1 EMT and/or Driver, if 714 is not available.</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Out:	Engine 702
4 <sup>th</sup> Out:	Brush Truck 717
Other:	Engine 703, Utility 718 and Pick-Up 740 only on Working Fires or Smoke Showing.

**General Staffing:**

The following guidelines are to assist in making staff placement decisions.

- A. It is the intent of the District to provide staffing on all first out, first incident engines with at least three (3) on-duty personnel.
- B. When the District experiences multiple incidents or unusual activity, staffing levels may need to be modified. This determination will be at the discretion of the officer in charge or the most senior member of the second incident.
- C. The Squad 714 crew should remain together, if possible, whenever the station is staffed with 7 or more personnel. Once on scene the crew should dress in the appropriate PPE for the incident and participant in active firefighting with the ladder crew or they may act as a separate crew with the approval of the Incident Commander.
- D. Volunteers that sign-up to run shifts may become the 5<sup>th</sup> person on the engine or an additional person on the ladder truck for structure fire incidents, they may also be moved around, as needed by the Shift Officer to ensure that adequate coverage is provided on all apparatus.

**6-Person Staffing – Structure Fire Response:**

- A. Engine 701 with 4 personnel
- B. Squad 714 with 1 assigned person (714 may leave and follow 701 to the scene, the crew member should get dressed and join the ladder crew upon its arrival)
- C. 6<sup>th</sup> person serves as the second out A/O or Tanker 721 driver

**7-Person Staffing – Structure Fire Response:**

- A. Engine 701 with 4 personnel
- B. Squad 714 with the assigned 2 person crew (714 may leave and follow 701 to the scene)
- C. 7<sup>th</sup> person serves as the second out A/O or Tanker 721 driver

**8-Person Staffing – Structure Fire Response:**

- A. Engine 701 with 4 personnel
- B. Squad 714 with the assigned 2 person crew (714 may leave and follow 701 to the scene)
- C. The 7<sup>th</sup> person serves as the second out A/O or Tanker 721 driver and the 8<sup>th</sup> person will serve as the apparatus officer or firefighter depending on who shows up for the incident.

**Riding Positions – 4 Person Crew:**

Position:	Primary Duties:	Tools:
1-Driver/Operator	Drive Safely, Pump and IRIT	SCBA, Portable Radio and Whatever Else Necessary For The Situation
2-Officer	Apparatus Placement, Size-Up, Select Proper Size Attack Line, and Coordinate With Incident Command	SCBA, Portable Radio, Multi-Hook and Headlight
3-Nozzle	Advance Proper Size Attack Line, Confine/Extinguish Fire, and Search The Immediate Fire Area	SCBA, Portable Radio, Proper Size and Length Attack Line
4-Irons/Hydrant/Back-Up	Layout Supply Line, Gate Valve and Hydrant Wrench at the Hydrant, Assist With Advancing The Attack Line, Forcible Entry	SCBA, Portable Radio, Thermal Imaging Camera, Irons and Hydra-Ram

**Riding Positions – 5 Person Crew:**

Position:	Primary Duties:	Tools:
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1-Driver/Operator	Drive Safely, Pump	Depends on Situation
2-Officer	Apparatus Placement, Size-Up, Select Proper Attack Line, Coordinate with Incident Command	SCBA, Portable Radio, Multi-Hook and Handlight
3-Nozzle	Advance Proper Line, Confine/Extinguish Fire and Search Fire Area	SCBA, Portable Radio, Proper Size & Length Attack Line
4-Back-Up/Forcible Entry	Forcible Entry, Back-Up Attack Line or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Line	SCBA, Portable Radio, Irons, Hydra-Ram, and Thermal Imaging Camera
5-Hydrant/Draft	Layout Supply Line, Assist with Drafting Set-Up, Assist Advancing Attack Line	SCBA, Portable Radio and Other Tools Needed for the Situation

**Fire Alarm/Structure Fire Response – Nothing Showing:**

Position:	Primary Duties:	Tools:
1-Driver/Operator	Drive Safely, Locate the Closest Water Source, Locate the FDC/Nearest Hydrant	Portable Radio and Whatever Else Necessary for the Situation
2-Officer	Apparatus Placement, Size-Up, Investigate the Source of the Problem/Alarm	SCBA, Portable Radio and Handlight
3-Nozzle	Investigate the Source of the Problem/Alarm with the Officer	SCBA, Portable Radio, Water Extinguisher
4-Irons	Report to the Alarm Panel and Advise the Officer of the Alarm Location, if Necessary. Investigate the Source of the Problem with the Officer	SCBA, Portable Radio, Thermal Imaging Camera and Forcible Entry Tools