

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHAPTER 2: STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

Part 1: Response Guidelines

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- 1.01 Purpose. To provide a systematic response of Department Units to fires and other emergency incidents.
- 1.02 Goal. This guideline lists the initial response orders for various types of incidents.
- 1.03 Responses for calls are set-up according to box cards for each township. Refer to the box card for the township of the call to determine response of equipment for the following types of incidents:
 - Structure Fire
 - Brush Fire
 - Hazmat
 - Disaster
 - Life Safety
 - Carbon Monoxide
 - Motor vehicle crashes
 - Water/Ice Rescue
- 1.04 Responses to the following types of calls will be handled by the respective township in which they are in, unless otherwise called for:
 - Motor vehicle fire with no exposures
 - Burning complaints
 - Power lines down
- 1.05 The following type of incidents will be treated as structure fires under initial dispatch until otherwise determined:
 - Fire Alarm
 - Chimney Fires
 - Motor vehicle fire with exposures
- 1.06 The following type incidents will be dispatched to a 2nd alarm level upon initial dispatch:
 - Motor vehicle crashes on numbered highways
 - Motor vehicle fires on numbered highways
 - Motor vehicle crashes with known or possible extrication

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- 1.07 On an unverified response, Tenders and Squads will respond Code 2, unless in their primary response area, until the incident is verified or units are told to return to their station.
- 1.08 I.C. may change the response mode and/or request any units as they deem necessary.
- 1.09 Personnel responding with a piece of apparatus, must be trained in use of the apparatus and the purpose level of that piece of apparatus
- 1.10 I.C. shall make every effort to turn around equipment not needed in a timely fashion.
- 1.11 I.C. must provide size-up of any incident and relay this to TFD Dispatch upon arrival. I.C. will then advise equipment that is needed.
- 1.12 In responses to hydrant areas, Engines and Squads are to respond before Tenders.
- 1.13 Any traffic incident should have the closest 2 engines respond. Squad 35 is counted as an engine.
- 1.14 Automatic Aid Responses to Rock Creek Fire Department – Only apparatus from the Townships of Brunswick and Union will respond to Automatic Aid calls in Rock Creek Fire Department's area, unless there is a request for additional units
- 1.15 Automatic Aid Responses to Fall Creek Fire District – Only apparatus from the township closest to the automatic aid call will respond, unless there is a request for additional units.
- 1.16 Automatic Aid to Altoona Fire Department – Only units from the Township of Washington will respond initially unless there is a request for additional units made by Altoona FD or TFD command.
- 1.17 When Eau Claire Fire requests stations to be staffed to help cover calls in their jurisdiction, Stations 1, 2 and 3 will be staffed.
- 1.18 Responses to Mutual Aid or MABAS calls in other townships or divisions will be handled by responding the closest available equipment requested