



APPARATUS RESPONSE

SCOPE

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Stoney Point Fire Department and shall be adhered to by all members.

PURPOSE

To establish the procedures for the assignment of the appropriate apparatus to the type of incident that is dispatched for response.

DEFINITIONS

Automatic Aid - assistance that is dispatched automatically due to contractual agreement between two fire departments, communities, or districts

Automatic Vehicle Locator – (AVL) global positioning system (GPS) used to enable an agency to remotely track the location of apparatus for more efficient dispatch

Bomb Threat - threat of an explosive device being utilized to instill fear, cause injury, or destroy property where a danger to the public exists

Commercial – structures or activities related to the conduct of business, non-residential

Guideline - a general rule, principle, outline of a policy

Hazardous Materials – (HAZMAT) materials that pose a health hazard, life threat or environmental danger if not mitigated

Member – any career, volunteer, staff, and auxiliary personnel affiliated with the department

Mutual Aid - agreement among emergency response agencies to provide assistance across jurisdictional boundaries

Shall - indicates a mandatory requirement

Wildland Urban Interface – (WUI) zone of transition between wildland and human development

GUIDELINES

Stoney Point Fire Department is an all hazards emergency response organization. At any given time, the department may be dispatched to a wide variety of emergency incidents. The assignment of the appropriate apparatus to the type of incident is vitally important to ensure a successful resolution to that incident. Each apparatus has unique capabilities and equipment that direct their employment. Additionally, contractual engagements with the City of Fayetteville, the Town of Hope Mills and automatic and mutual aid agreements with surrounding jurisdictions and Hoke and Robeson counties may predetermine the apparatus assigned to calls within that jurisdiction.

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Type of Incident and the Responding Apparatus

The shift leader shall be responsible for ensuring adequate staffing for apparatus, this includes ensuring that specialized apparatus such as Rescue 13, and Squad 1371 have the appropriate Technical Rescuer or Emergency Medical Technician complement. Additionally, Truck 1351 shall be staffed and in service for City of Fayetteville calls as directed by the contractual agreement. The contracted City of Fayetteville and Town of Hope Mills areas shall be considered In District calls for the purposes of response. Shift leaders, Company Officers, and Chief Officers shall adhere to the following standard for response:

In District Residential Structure Fire: First out Engine, second out Engine, and Rescue 13 shall respond emergency traffic from Station 13, and the first out Engine from Station 19 in the District 13 area. In the Station 19 area the first out Engine shall respond from Station 19, the first out Engine and Rescue 13 shall respond emergency traffic from Station 13.

In District Commercial Structure Fire: Truck 1351, the first out Engine and Rescue 13 from Station 13 and the first out Engine from Station 19 shall respond emergency traffic. For commercial structure fires within the District 19 area the first out Engine from Station 19 and Truck 1351, Rescue 13 and the first out Engine from Station 13 shall respond emergency traffic.

Garage, shed, barn, electrical and chimney fires shall follow the Residential Structure Fire response protocol.

City of Fayetteville Structure Fire Response: Truck 1351 shall respond emergency traffic from Station 13.

In District Residential Fire Alarm Activation: First out Engine from Station 13 shall respond emergency traffic for alarm activations within District 13. First out Engine from Station 19 shall respond emergency traffic for alarm activations within District 19.

In District Commercial Fire Alarm Activation: First out Engine from Station 13 for alarm activations within District 13. The first out Engine shall respond emergency traffic for alarm activations within District 19.

Vehicle Fire: The first out Engine from Station 13 shall respond emergency traffic for vehicle fires within District 13. The first out Engine from Station 19 shall respond emergency traffic for vehicle fires within District 19.

Grass Fire, Woods Fire, Wildland Urban Interface: For all woods, grass, or wildland urban interface incidents, regardless of District, Brush 1341 from Station 13 and the first out Engine from Station 13 shall respond emergency traffic. The second out Engine from Station 13 shall respond from Station 13 if the first out from Station 19 is unavailable.

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In District Dumpster Fire: The first out Engine from the Station responsible for the District shall respond emergency traffic.

Hazardous Materials Incident (fuel spill, gas leak, etc.): The first out Engine from the Station responsible for the District and Rescue 13 from Station 13 shall respond emergency traffic. For large scale or high-risk hazardous materials incidents the first out Engine from BOTH Stations shall respond emergency traffic along with Rescue 13. Rescue 13 shall monitor the atmosphere and perform HAZMAT related tasks, the second in Engine shall be assigned to decontamination.

Carbon Monoxide Alarm Activation, Odor, or Gas Smell Incidents: The first out Engine from the Station responsible for the District shall respond emergency traffic. Each first out Engine is equipped with a 5 Gas Meter to conduct atmospheric monitoring. If needed Rescue 13 may be requested and shall respond routine traffic unless otherwise directed by the Incident Commander.

Bomb Threat Incident: The first out Engine from the Station responsible for the District shall respond emergency traffic. The Incident Commander may request additional units as needed through Dispatch. Responding units shall cease radio communications approximately ½ mile from the incident scene and stage a minimum of 1000 feet from the incident. Personnel shall remain with their apparatus unless directed by the Incident Commander to conduct evacuations of schools, day care facilities, nursing homes, businesses, etc. during business hours only. Firefighters shall not assist with explosive device searches.

In District Motor Vehicle Accident: For all motor vehicle accidents other than 29D calls, the first out Engine from the Station responsible for the District shall respond emergency traffic. For all 29D motor vehicle accidents Rescue 13 from Station 13 and the first out Engine from the Station responsible for the District shall respond emergency traffic.

Automatic or Mutual Aid Motor Vehicle Accident: When dispatched to assist another jurisdiction with a 29D motor vehicle accident Rescue 13 shall respond from Station 13 emergency traffic, unless otherwise directed by the Incident Commander.

Downed Power Lines: The first out Engine from the Station responsible for the District shall respond emergency traffic. Additional units may be requested by the Incident Commander. The response during severe weather may vary depending upon conditions.

Vehicle Lock Out: Stoney Point Fire Department shall only assist with vehicle lock outs if a child or pet is in danger or essential emergency medication is locked inside a vehicle. Squad 1371 shall respond from Station 13 emergency traffic.

Air Unit Support: Unit 1981 shall respond from Station 13 routine traffic unless directed by the Incident Commander. Cascade fill calls shall be scheduled in advance.

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Medical Response: Squad 1371 shall respond emergency traffic from Station 13 for incidents within the District 13 area. The first out Engine shall respond emergency traffic from Station 19 in the District 19 area. Rescue 13 may respond to medical calls within the District 13 area as needed. For 9E calls within District 13 the first out Engine may respond to assist with manpower.

Technical Rescue Incidents: Rescue 13 shall respond emergency traffic to all technical rescue incidents within the Stoney Point Fire District or to assist other jurisdictions. Boat 13/19 shall respond routine traffic to drowning incidents in lakes, ponds, or rivers within the Stoney Point Fire District or to assist other jurisdictions. The Incident Commander or Dispatch may request these apparatus to respond emergency traffic.

Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement Assistance Incident: Rescue 13 shall respond routine traffic, unless otherwise directed by Dispatch or the Incident Commander to respond emergency traffic. Other apparatus may be assigned to assist at the discretion of the shift leader or Chief Officer.

Mutual Aid Response: The second out Engine from Station 13 shall respond emergency traffic to Hoke County structure fires. The first out Engine from Station 19 shall respond emergency traffic to Robeson County structure fires. The first out Engine from either Station 13 or Station 19 shall respond emergency traffic to structure fires in the Town of Hope Mills.

Automatic Aid Alarm Activation: Unless specifically requested to respond to a residential or commercial fire alarm activation in an automatic aid or mutual aid jurisdiction there is no response from Stoney Point Fire Department.

Severe Weather Response: During severe weather periods, the Cumberland County and Fayetteville response plans call for single apparatus response for all incidents. The Incident Commander may then request additional required units to respond. High wind events such as tornadoes and hurricanes limit response. Shift leaders, Company Officers and Chief Officers shall ensure that staffing is adequate for the hazards and keep units available for response as needed.

Automatic Vehicle Locator Response: It is important to remember that vehicles equipped with the automatic vehicle locator may be dispatched to calls for service outside of their assigned areas whenever their automatic vehicle locator is in service. Take units out of service if operating outside of Stoney Point Fire District to prevent inadvertent dispatch.

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Apparatus Operation

All responding apparatus shall have at least the minimum number of personnel assigned prior to responding.

- Engine Companies – 1 Driver/Operator and 2 Firefighters
- Truck Company – 1 Driver/Operator and 2 Firefighters
- Rescue Company – 1 Driver/Operator and 3 Technical Rescuers
- Medical Squad – 1 Driver/Operator and 1 Emergency Medical Technician
- Brush Unit – 1 Driver/Operator and 1 Firefighter
- Boat – 1 Driver/Operator/Coxswain and 2 Water Rescue Technicians
- Air/Service Unit – 1 Driver/Operator

Engineers, Driver/Operators, and Officers are responsible for ensuring that all personnel are seat belted and the vehicle is safe to move. All compartments and doors are closed, and the bay door is full open before moving. The Engineer must ensure that the bay door closes after leaving the bay.

Apparatus Rotation (Engine Company)

To minimize maintenance costs and to prolong the service time of the Engine Companies these apparatus shall be rotated through the duty positions at both Stations. Each apparatus shall serve a month as the first out and then second out at Station 13 and then rotate to the same duties at Station 19.

References

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