

	<h1>COMMERCE FIRE DEPARTMENT</h1> <h2>Standard Operating Guidelines</h2>
	Subject: First Alarm Responses
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Purpose: This guideline will provide the Commerce Fire Department with a systematic response to fire and other emergencies. The initial response to the following types of incidents will be those companies as listed below. Variance from these response guidelines shall be made only by a command officer or officer in charge of the incident.

Scope: All CFD personnel

General:

Fire Ground Staffing: Although many variables exist, at a typical residential structure fire, no fewer than six qualified fire personnel should be assembled before an offensive interior attack is started. Positions that are needed to safely conduct minimal operations are typically an Incident Command, a driver/operator, two firefighters on an attack line, and two firefighters on a back-up line designated as the RIT Team.

Structure Fire: Any suspected or actual fires within a structure, including chimney fires; in addition to other fires that are in close proximity of structures that are a potential threat to the structure.

- A. In District from Station 1: Engine 1, Ladder or Service 1, and Tanker 1 if needed.
- B. In District from Station 2: Engine 2.
- C. Automatic Aid response from Station 1: Tanker 1.
- D. Automatic Aid response from Station 2: Service 2 and Engine 2 if needed.

Vehicle Fires: Any fire involving an automobile or small truck outside a structure. Larger trucks and incidents involving multiple vehicles (or with known exposure problems) may require additional apparatus and will be special called by the incident commander. If the fire is located on a county or state highway, an additional unit shall respond for safety purposes.

- A. In District from Station 1: Engine 1, Tanker 1, and Service 1 if needed.
- B. In District from Station 2: Engine 2.
- C. Outside District from Station 1: Tanker 1.
- D. Outside District from Station 2: Engine 2.

Grass/Brush/Rubbish/Fires: Any fires involving grass, brush, and trash that are not presenting an exposure problem to structures or other outside property of value.

- A. In District from Station 1: Engine 1, Brush 1, Tanker 1.
- B. In District from Station 2: Engine 2, Tanker 2, Service 2.
- C. Outside District from Station 1: Tanker 1, Brush 1.
- D. Outside District from Station 2: Engine 2, Tanker 2.

Automatic Alarms: Any alarm from heat, smoke, suppression system, automatic sprinkler or local fire alarms. The first out engine shall respond in emergency mode with the remaining assigned units to the incident responding in non-emergency mode. Exceptions to the guideline shall be if reports indicate that there is an actual fire or emergency, or if the Incident Commander upgrades the other responding units to emergency mode.

- A. In District from Station 1: Engine 1, Service 1, Ladder 1.
- B. In District from Station 2: Engine 2, Service 2.
- C. Outside District from Station 1: Tanker 1.
- D. Outside District from Station 2: Engine 2.

Vehicle Accident with Injuries or Victims Trapped: Vehicle accidents where occupants or other civilians are possibly injured or trapped; in or around the vehicle(s) requiring Emergency Medical treatment and/or the use of extrication tools to free them. If the accident is located on a county or state highway an additional unit shall respond for safety purposes. Additional companies may be special called by the Incident Commander as the incident requires. A charged line (1.75") should be deployed anytime there is entrapment.

- A. In District from Station 1: Engine 1, Service 1.
- B. In District from Station 2: Engine 2, Service 2.
- C. Outside District from Station 1: Tanker 1.
- D. Outside District from Station 2: Engine 2.

Carbon Monoxide Calls: In the event a rescue(s) may need to take place, a full single-family dwelling structural fire response is appropriate.

- A. In or Outside District from Station 1: Engine 1.
- B. In or Outside District from Station 2: Engine 2.

Other Service Calls: Any incidents involving water evacuation, odor removal, police assists, etc. Additional companies may be special called by the Incident Commander as required by the incident. Respond units as needed.

Station Response Areas: The OIC shall ensure that these guidelines are followed by personnel responding to all emergencies unless there is justifiable reason to deviate from them.

A determination should be made after receiving call information from dispatch as to which units to respond from which station. Personnel shall determine which apparatus will respond by the following information given by dispatch:

- Location of incident
- Type of incident
- Time of day (Consider on-duty personnel)

1. Responses within the department's coverage area:
 - A. Closest station will respond to calls within their area.
 - B. If an apparatus from another station responds first, they should continue until cancelled by OIC.
 - C. The department's Fire Chief shall define the response area for each station (areas shall be posted on a map inside each station).
2. Automatic/Mutual Aid responses - The OIC will determine the appropriate response for these incidents. Default response is listed above.
3. These guidelines may be adjusted or modified as needed by the OIC.

All responses will be hinged on location of personnel. Don't assume that someone that may live close to Station 2 is home and will respond. Respond from Station 1 as usual unless otherwise advised not to by an officer.

Example: If there is a call in Station 2's area and you are closer to Station 1, go ahead and respond apparatus from Station 1. If an apparatus from Station 2 goes en route or arrives on the scene before Station 1 they can cancel or have them stand by at Station 2.

If needed an officer should assign the proper response, via radio, to assure correct apparatus is responding. Incident Commander should consider moving one engine to cover territory for another station if needed. Automatic Aid apparatus can be considered for this task.