

GUIDELINE: #602

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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS/RESPONSE: Apparatus Response

PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for appropriate apparatus response

OBJECTIVE: To establish the proper apparatus and order of apparatus response to specific types of incidents

1. When a call for an emergency, or non-emergency, incident is received by the SCAFD the apparatus and personnel response shall be predicated upon the following factors:
  - A. Safety and well being of SCAFD employees AND the citizens of the SCAFD fire district.
  - B. Movement of appropriate apparatus and equipment sufficient to initiate mitigation efforts on the emergency scene.
2. Apparatus shall respond according to the current "Apparatus Response Schedule" as posted at each station.
3. Apparatus shall respond in the order listed on the Apparatus Response Schedule.
4. Class A pumper shall be used as the main pumper on all structure fires.
5. Department personnel are required to ride within enclosed cabs on all apparatus.
6. Apparatus shall leave the station with a minimum of three (3) department personnel whenever possible.
7. Squad 16 shall be used to transport manpower whenever possible.
8. The first apparatus at the hydrant shall set up the hydrant for use for the duration of the incident.
9. Direct response authorized personnel shall comply with the incident direct response directive or future drafted SOG, whichever applies
10. Those direct responders shall not respond to a fire district scene until all units required to respond have done so.
11. Under no circumstances shall personnel respond to incident emergencies, whether potential or actual, without proper dispatching of the SCAFD. Central Dispatch, unless otherwise directed by a Chief officer, shall be used. Use 911 to report the incident or a radio if no phone is available.
12. It shall be the responsibility of the driver (and driver only) to utilize the apparatus siren with emergency lights. Considerations such as blind spots, pedestrians or other obstructions, that may limit apparatus visibility by civilians, shall be considered when using sirens.
13. Simultaneous or multiple alarm responses occasionally are dispatched.
  - A. Apparatus initially dispatched to an alarm shall be considered committed to said alarm.
  - B. Subsequent apparatus, including a request for mutual aid if applicable, may be utilized for secondary or simultaneous alarms.
  - C. Deviation from an initial alarm response may be allowed if directed by 911, or an officer/senior firefighter (in the absence of an officer), as circumstances dictate.
  - D. If multiple alarms are considered minor in nature, one single talk group may be assigned for all radio traffic to better facilitate communication and resource needs between responding units. Any major alarm shall be assigned, through 911, a separate talk group to minimize radio traffic conflicts. Talk group assignments may be made through 911 by a senior ranking officer and/or Incident Command, as deemed necessary. If 911 inquires about a separate or combined talk group, the senior ranking officer (or senior firefighter in the absence of an officer), shall advise according to circumstances.

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## Apparatus Response Schedule

### Structure Fire:

Full house response

### Fire Alarms:

Full house response - If a cancel is indicated from 911, the first due engine will continue Code 3, all other units will downgrade response. Once arriving unit confirms false call, all other units will cancel.

### Vehicle Related Alarms:

<u>Station 1</u>	<u>Station 2</u>
11 - 12 - 16 - 23	21 - 22 - 16 - 23

### Extrication Alarms: (E12 at night for lighting)

11 - 21 - 16 - 23	21 - 11 - 16 - 23
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### Open Burns/Grass:

17 - 27 - 23	27 - 17 - 23
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### Stand by:

If Central dispatches for "Report to your station for a standby", this will be an indication of Bomb Threat. Personnel will report to the station and response will be based on need by PD.

### Medical/Lift Assist:

11	21
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### Odor investigation:

12	21
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### Misc Fire (dumpster & etc.) \*

11	21
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### Wires \*\*

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### Mutual Aid: (Lennon Rd is the divider)

Pump & Crew to scene	12	22
Pump & Crew to move up	11	21
Grass Fires	17	27
Air/Personnel	12	12

*\*Code one unless dispatch or size up indicates an upgraded response.*

*\*\*Initial dispatch will be for an officer to respond & size up. If warranted, the officer will request a single station response. Not applicable for multiple wires calls caused by a significant weather event.*

### County Coordination:

Personnel Only: E12 (with 5 person crew + driver)

Pump and Personnel to scene: E12 and/or E22 (with 5 person crew) depending on location.

Pump and Personnel to station: E11 or E21 (with 5 person crew + driver) depending on location.

Air System ONLY: E12 (with 2 personnel)

Tanker: 23 (with 2 personnel max.)

Special Request - Officer Discretion

**Special Note:** Professional courtesy between SCAFD stations and common sense shall play an important role in the response decision process. It should also be noted the time of day shall also play an important roll in the response schedule.

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