SOG# 501-9

Standard Operating Guideline

# Cumberland Road Fire Department Inc.

Automatic/Mutual Aid

Approved By	

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# **Purpose:**

The purpose of this guideline is to address resources available for different types of emergencies, requesting or responding to requests for mutual or automatic aid, that are within the scope of services provided by Cumberland Road Fire Department.

# Scope:

Automatic or mutual aid will be provided or received in accordance with the Automatic Aid Agreement for Fire Protection, between Cumberland Road Fire Department and listed agencies, and per contracts between Cumberland Road Fire Department and the City of Fayetteville and the Town of Hope Mills.

### **Definitions:**

Automatic Aid – Automatically dispatched to give or receive aid to/from an outside fire service entity based on a prior agreement between two jurisdictions.

Mutual Aid - Aid given or received form an outside fire service entity upon request from the initial responding department.

Authority Having Jurisdiction – When Automatic or Mutual Aid is given or received, the Authority Having Jurisdiction remains ultimately responsible for the incident.

# **Procedure:**

The type of incident that is dispatched by the appropriate communication center will dictate the response of apparatus to an incident. Apparatus response requires in depth consideration as to the type of apparatus and equipment that should respond to various type incidents. County versus City of Fayetteville response requirements within the City's response districts may differ, therefore attention to detail on behalf of all personnel is vital to the proper allocation of resources.

For more specific response guidelines and agreements refer to, Cumberland Road Fire Department Standard Operating Guideline – 501-10 "Apparatus Deployment Plan".

# **Responsibilities:**

It is the responsibility of each member to ensure they are aware of this guideline and follow its procedures when determining the needs of any given response.

It is the responsibility of the Shift Captain and Station Officers to ensure the deployment of resources is not only orderly and in compliance with the above guidelines, but in the best interest of the Cumberland Road Fire Department. Factors such as staffing or call volume may create situations where deviation from the above guidelines is necessary. When making an assessment of needs, the primary determining factor should be the safety and protection of the members and citizens of the Cumberland Road Fire District.