**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this guideline is to ensure the orderly response of all resources of the Cumberland Road Fire Department (CRFD) to alarms.

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.

**DEFINITIONS:**

* County Response: Any response generated and dispatched by the Cumberland County Emergency Communications Center (ECC), responding to an area outside the city limits of Fayetteville.
* City Response: Any response generated and dispatched by the City of Fayetteville (COF) ECC, responding to an area within the city limits or satellite annex property.
* Primary Response Area: Any dispatched location within the geographically prescribed boundaries of the Cumberland Road Fire Department.
* Primary Unit: Responding as the first due/closest available unit based on Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) status and/or Primary Response Area.
* Mutual/Automatic Aid: Responding as or receiving assistance from a secondary unit, for another agency, whether City or County response.
* Call Determinant: System of categorizing call type and severity level performed by call takers and dispatchers per Computer Aided Dispatch protocol.

**POLICY:**

The Cumberland Road Fire Department Apparatus Deployment Plan specifies the procedures for the orderly deployment of resources from the Cumberland Road Fire Department to all alarms both as primary unit and when requested for mutual/automatic aid. The procedure outlined below will be followed at all times based on staffing and call volume. If deviation is necessary for any reason, the Shift Captain or Station Officer will have the responsibility to act in the best interest of the citizens of the Primary Response Area.

**PROCEDURE:**

RESPONDING AS PRIMARY UNIT:

STRUCTURAL ALARMS/ALARM ACTIVATIONS:

Response to an alarm within the Primary Response Area of the CRFD:

Order of response – First - First out engine

Second – Second out engine

Third - 561 (Service Unit)

Fourth - Third out engine

Fifth - 571\* (EMS Unit)

Sixth - 541\* (Brush Unit)

\*In the event additional man power is available at the station and needed on scene, 571 or 541 may be utilized out of order to provide manpower based on personnel available.

Response to an alarm outside the Primary Response area of the CRFD:

When responding as the primary unit through AVL protocol, only the first out engine will respond. No more than three certified personnel will respond outside of the Primary Response Area of CRFD if at least one firefighter is qualified to drive either 561 or 571. Volunteers responding to the station will remain in service for protection of the Primary Response Area only.

VEHICLE FIRE:

The first out engine shall respond to all vehicle fires. Any further responding personnel should remain in service at the station unless otherwise requested by command.

MEDICAL RESPONSE:

County or City response to EMS calls, either within or outside the Primary Response Area of the CRFD:

Order of response – First - 561 or 571\*

Second - First out engine\*

\*561, 571 or the first out engine may be utilized based on personnel available and call determinant (Example: Taking the first out engine on a 9-E-1). Shift Captains and Station Officers should use their discretion based on all information available for responding with the first out engine and additional personnel.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS (MVA):

County Response to motor vehicle accidents, either within or outside the Primary Response Area of the CRFD:

Order of response – First – First out engine

Second – 561\*

\*When responding to any MVA receiving a call determinant of “Delta” level or above (Examples: Entrapments/Pin-in’s, Pedestrians, High Mechanism, etc.), or based on information available through the MCT, 561 will respond with the first out engine if personnel qualified to operate the unit are available.

City response to motor vehicle accidents:

When responding to an MVA within the city limits of Fayetteville, the first out engine will respond with no more than three certified personnel if at least one firefighter is qualified to drive either 561 or 571. In the event of a call determinant of “Delta” level or above, the city ECC will dispatch additional resources. All applicable Fayetteville Fire Department policies and procedures will be followed for response and operations.

WOODS/BRUSH FIRES:

County or City response to Woods/Brush fires, within the Primary Response Area of CRFD:

541 and/or the first out engine may respond based on information available from ECC or MCT.

When a brush unit is requested for mutual aid response outside of the CRFD response area, 541 shall respond with a minimum of two (2) personnel.

MISC. STILL ALARMS: (EXAMPLES: ILLEGAL BURNS, POWER LINES DOWN, DUMPSTER FIRES etc.)

County or City response to still alarms either within or outside the Primary Response Area of the CRFD:

The first out engine will respond to all still alarms and request additional resources as needed. If outside the Primary Response Area, the Shift Captain or Station Officers should use their discretion on personnel needed for the incident.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE:

City or County response to Hazardous Materials Incidents, within or outside the Primary Response Area of CRFD:

The first out engine will respond to all Hazardous Materials incidents and request additional resources based on the information available from ECC, the MCT or determined once on scene.

RESPONDING AS SECONDARY UNIT – MUTUAL/AUTOMATIC AID:

The first out engine will respond to all requests for mutual aid or automatic aid with no more than three certified personnel. If a specific unit is requested (Example: 541 for brush fires, 561 for rescue/service) the Shift Captain or Station Officer will use their discretion on staff response.

STAND BY FOR ANOTHER STATION:

Any requests for a Cumberland Road Fire Department unit to stand by outside its Primary Response Area will be handled on a case by case basis by a Chief Officer or his designee and will not diminish the capability to protect the Primary Response Area of the CRFD.

**Responsibility:**

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.