



Terryville Fire Department

Chiefs Directive

Subject

Duty Crew Response to Fire Alarms & Trainings/Drills

Effective

5/14/2025

All members and employees are advised of the following directive:

Effective immediately, this directive establishes the standard operating procedure for EMS personnel response to fire alarms and standby assignments.

1. Fire Alarm Response

- a. EMS personnel will respond to all fire alarms once the first Engine or Truck has transmitted a Signal 2.
- b. EMS personnel will respond Signal 4 unless otherwise directed by the Incident Commander.
- c. EMS units will stage in a location that does not impede access for additional responding apparatus and personnel.

2. Duty Crew and 80 Responder Protocol

- a. If a scheduled Duty Crew is not available, the ALS 80 Responder will respond in its place.
- b. In the event of a subsequent EMS alarm, and only if a second Duty Crew is not available, the on-scene Duty Crew or 80 Responder may be released from the fire incident by the Incident Commander to respond to the EMS call.

3. In-House BLS EMS Crew

- a. If a Department BLS EMS crew is in-house at the time of a fire alarm, only the ALS 80 Responder will supplement the response, if available.
- b. If the ALS 80 Responder is unavailable, the ALS Duty Crew will respond in accordance with this directive.

4. Drill Standby Requirements

A Duty Crew or the 80 Responder will be assigned to standby at all Department and Company-level drills.

This directive is issued to enhance scene safety, ensure prompt EMS availability, and streamline inter-agency coordination. All personnel are expected to comply fully.

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