

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

#### Deployment of Fire Suppression Forces

#### SECTION III 1.0 – 1.3

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#### 1.0 OBJECTIVE

- a. The Anderson Fire Department, where possible, strives to meet ISO recommendations and NFPA standards.

#### 1.2 PURPOSE

- a. NFPA 1710 has established minimum deployment standards for fire responses which includes the following criteria:
  - i. “The fire department’s fire suppression resources shall be deployed to provide for the arrival of an engine company within a four (4) minute response time and/or the full initial alarm assignment within an eight (8) minute response time to ninety (90) percent of (all) incidents.
  - ii. Personnel on a first alarm shall be capable of:
    - 1) Incident Commander (1 Command Officer)
    - 2) Initial attack line of 100 GPM minimum (2 firefighters)
    - 3) Backup attack line of 200 GPPM minimum (2 firefighters)
    - 4) Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) (2 firefighters)
    - 5) Ventilation team (2 firefighters)
    - 6) Victim search and rescue team (2 firefighters)
  - iii. With the exception of the IC (and engineers), these personnel are to be in complete PPE and SCBA”
  - iv. ISO recommendations for a structural alarm response in the City of Anderson are 13 personnel (14 if aerial device from truck is operational).

#### 1.3 PROCEDURE

- a. Alarm responses:
  - i. Initial assignment to a reported **structure fire** will be three engines, one truck, Battalion 1 and EMS
  - ii. If the shift is at minimum manning (15), staffing will be:
    - 1) Station 1: three personnel engine, three personnel truck, one Battalion;
    - 2) Station 2: four personnel engine;
    - 3) Station 3: four personnel engine.
    - 4) The only times staffing will be below this level is if someone calls in sick or shift is working short. Minimum staffing will be 15 during this time.
  - iii. First due engine is responsible for fire suppression

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- iv. Second due engine is responsible for water supply and/or assist with fire suppression
- v. Truck company is responsible for forcible entry, primary search, and TI camera.
  - 1) Driver will don PPE immediately upon arrival unless otherwise assigned. SCBA will be donned if operations are in Offensive Mode.
- vi. Third due engine is responsible for RIT, Division C, and/or ventilation. Engineer will be responsible for accountability
- vii. Initial response for **box (automatic) alarm** will be one engine unless preplan determines otherwise.
  - 1) Exceptions for **box (automatic) alarm** will be any information provided by Central that an actual emergency condition may exist.
  - 2) Two engines, one truck and Battalion 1 will respond to these calls
  - 3) If Central receives a report from the alarm company or property owner at the scene that the alarm is false, the engine will proceed without lights and siren to investigate.
- viii. **Simple alarms** (car, grass, power lines, medical first responder, MVA's, etc.) will be one engine.
  - 1) If additional manpower is needed, the closest engine will be called.
- ix. **Vehicle accidents with entrapment** will be closest engine, truck 1 and Battalion 1.
- x. Activation of any AFD resources during a **declared State or National emergency** will automatically result in Executive Staff Meeting to discuss and plan appropriate response.
- xi. Request for AFD resources under Statewide Firefighter Mobilization will automatically result in notification of the Fire Chief or Asst. Chief.
- xii. On any call that results in the AFD responding into another fire district:
  - 1) If we get called, we will respond; within reason (*We had rather be there and be wrong, than to be at the station and be wrong*)
  - 2) Call Central or Fire Control and advise them to notify an Officer of that station that we are in their area. It will be up to them if they want to respond.
  - 3) If you run in to any problems with this, be professional, make detailed notes, and notify the Fire Chief or Asst. Chief.