



Buxton Fire-Rescue

Standard Operating Guideline

Subject: Incident Response Guidelines (3)

Section: Mutual Aid Responses (3)

Date Approved: October 15, 2014

Not R. S. S.



Page 1 of 2

Purpose:

To establish a guideline for the response of apparatus on mutual aid calls.

Guideline:

- 1) Apparatus responding to mutual aid calls for station coverage, shall respond Code 1 (with the flow of traffic), without the use of red lights or sirens. Apparatus shall proceed with traffic at the posted speed limit.
 - a. See [SOG MR.3.2 Code 1 Responses](#)
- 2) Apparatus responding directly to the scene of an incident in another town shall respond Code 3 (with lights and siren) unless otherwise instructed by the mutual aid town, or the senior officer responding on the call (from Buxton).
 - a. If the requesting town, or Incident Commander modifies the Code 3 Response (to Code 1) that request shall be followed.
- 3) Apparatus responding to mutual aid calls should switch their radios to the host community's frequency unless otherwise advised.
 - a. Some communities expect mutual aid apparatus to be on the State Fire frequency, this frequency should be monitored if possible.
 - b. Prior to communicating on the frequency, ensure that your radio traffic will not cover other pertinent radio traffic.
 - c. Companies responding to station coverage should use good judgment when "signing on", to not tie up the frequency with non-emergent radio traffic.
 - i. It may be best to wait until the apparatus arrives at the station, and then to contact the host community (dispatcher) via phone to advise them of your arrival, what EMS license level you are at, and to inquire which frequency they would like you on.
- 4) Apparatus and members responding on mutual aid calls shall be under the supervision of a Buxton Chief Officer or Company Officer.
 - a. Once the crew and apparatus arrive at the station/scene, they will be assigned tasks through the Incident Command System.
 - b. If an ambulance is responding on a mutual aid call for fire or medical, the crew shall be made up of two (providers) preferably where one provider is an Advanced EMT or higher. There is no requirement for an officer when responding to a mutual aid call with the ambulance.

Not a SLA

-
- c. If fire apparatus is requested to respond to station coverage or direct to the scene of an incident, a Company Officer or a Chief Officer shall respond on the apparatus or meet the apparatus at the station or scene depending on the assignment. If there is not an officer available the apparatus shall not respond.
 - i. Exemption: if a Tanker only is requested to shuttle water an officer is not required; however preferred.
 - 5) No less than three (3) members (1-Officer and 2-Firefighters) shall respond with fire apparatus (where apparatus allow at least three (3) riding positions).

GREEN