



Buxton Fire-Rescue

Administrative Policy

Subject: Response Expectation (12)

Section/Number: Paid Staff (1)

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Purpose:

To identify a standard response to emergencies by paid staff including full time and per diem employees.

Rescue/Medical Response:

Rescue 1 Response:

The Rescue stationed at Groveville (typically Rescue 1) will be the primary Rescue handling medical responses townwide, 24/7.

Rescue 2 Response

Full Crew On Duty:

- A. A full crew (for Rescue 2) shall mean that there are two (2) members at Bar Mills Station, with at least 1 ALS Provider, able to respond with Rescue 2.
 - i. This could be a crew made up of two (2) Per Diems, a Per Diem and the Chief, a Per Diem and a Student, a Per Diem and a Call Company Member, or any combination thereof.
- B. When a Full Crew is available for Rescue 2, automatically respond with Rescue 2 to any call in District 2 (this included Boxes 21, 22, 23). If staffing / liscence allows, and Rescue 1 responds, the crew should modify the response of Rescue 1 (e.g. cancel, slow to Code 1, continue emergency response as dictated by information given by dispatch).
- C. Rescue 2 will be the unit typically handling second medical responses townwide, regardless of crew size.
 - i. If additional crew is needed for a back up medical call, dispatch can tone for additional assistance, as necessary.

One Person On Duty (Bar Mills):

- A. On First Medical Calls, automatically respond in Service 1 to any calls in District 2 (this includes Boxes 21, 22, 23), and provide initial medical care, and prepare to hand off patient care to Rescue 1's crew as the incident dictates.



- B. Respond in Service 1, to any serious call townwide including the following: Chest Pain ACS/AMI, Seizure, Anaphalaxis, Stroke, Diabetic Emergecny, Extreme Respiratory Distress, OB, Hemmorhige, or other serious sounding medical call, based on dispatch information, or when requested by Rescue 1.
- C. Rescue 2 will be the unit typically handling second medical responses townwide, regardless of crew size.
 - i. If additional crew is needed for a back up medical call, dispatch can tone for additional assistance, as necessary.

In Town Fire Response:

Groveville Station

- A. Where members of the paid staff are qualified to operate fire apparatus, the crew should split up and respond with one (1) member on Rescue 1, and the other member on Engine 5 or Tank 1.
 - i) If before the fire apparatus leave the station, a Call Company member/officer signs enroutre for the apparatus, the truck should wait no more than four (4) minutes for that member/officer to arrive at the station. If before that four (4) minutes is up, you have more than four (4) qualified firefighters at the station, to respond on that apparatus, begin your response to the call, even if that member who signed enroutre to the station has yet to arrive.
- B. If the memembrs are not qualified on the fire apparatus, the crew should remain on Rescue 1 and respond as normal to the incident.

Bar Mills Station

- A. Where members of the paid staff are qualified to operate fire apparatus, the crew should respond together on the piece of fire apparatus. The following is the order of priority when responding to a structural type fire call:
 - i) Ladder 1 (Quint)
 - ii) Tank 2
 - iii) Engine 1
- B. Engine 1 should be the apparatus used to respond to a single engine Still Box.
- C. If before the fire apparatus leave the station, a Call Company member/officer signs enroutre for the apparatus, the truck should wait no more than four (4) minutes for that member/officer to arrive at the station. If before that four (4) minutes is up, you have more than four (4) qualified firefighters at the station, to respond on that apparatus, begin your response to the call, even if that member/officer who signed enroutre to the station has yet to arrive.



Mutual Aid Requests:

Direct to the Scene

- A. Rescue 1 will be dispatched and respond to any mutual aid request where the rescue is responding directly to an emergency scene.
- B. During the time that Rescue 1 is out of town Rescue 2 and crew will handle the balance of medical responses townwide.
 - i) Once Rescue 1 has responded to the call, Rescue 2 shall relocate to Groveville Station until Rescue 1 has returned and is in quarters.
- C. In situations where Bar Mills and Groveville are staffed at the same levels, the crew from Rescue 1 may respond with the fire truck (in the fire apparatus), and the crew for Rescue 2 will become the primary rescue crew for the Buxton. When this happens, it must be communicated between the crews between both stations.
 - i) In situations where a truck from Groveville has been requested, and the Rescue 1 crew cannot respond, the Bar Mills crew can respond to that station and respond with that truck, if additional staffing is needed.

Station Coverage

- A. Rescue 1 will not respond to calls for station coverage.
- B. Rescue 1's Crew shall not split in a case where a fire truck from that station has been assigned to provide station coverage. The crew shall remain intact and ready for calls.
- C. Rescue 2 shall respond to calls for station coverage when a Rescue is Requested.
 - i) With a full crew on duty, automatically respond with Rescue 2 to any request for station coverage.
 - ii) With one person on duty, request that dispatch tone for additional personnel, if there is no response, advise dispatch you are unable to respond.
- D. When there is a request for a piece of fire apparatus for station coverage, the paid staff at Bar Mills shall respond with the units requested (from that station) once a minimum crew of three (3) including an officer is with the truck.
- E. In situations where Bar Mills and Groveville are staffed at the same levels, the crew from Rescue 1 may respond with the fire station coverage (in the fire apparatus), and the crew for Rescue 2 will become the primary rescue crew for the Buxton. When this happens, it must be communicated between the crews between both stations.
 - i) In situations where a truck from Groveville has been requested, and the Rescue 1 crew cannot respond, the Bar Mills crew can respond to that station and respond with that truck, if additional staffing is needed.