

Jefferson County Fire and EMS Operational Guidelines

Jefferson County, WV

10-004

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this guideline is to ensure proper staffing on emergency incidents to increase the safety of our responders and the efficiency of on scene operations.

Engine Companies

Minimum staffing for an engine company is three certified firefighters, cleared for interior operations.

Truck Companies

Minimum staffing for a truck company is three certified firefighters, cleared for interior operations.

Tankers

Tankers may respond driver only.

Heavy Rescue Squad Companies

Basic staffing for a heavy rescue squad is three trained to the standards of the host company.

Brush Company

Staffing determined by host company.

Advanced Life Support (ALS) Companies

Minimum staffing for a MEDIC UNIT is two; one certified at the level of Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic and one certified as a CPR Driver.

Basic Life Support (BLS) Companies

Basic staffing for an AMBULANCE UNIT is two; one certified to the level of Emergency Medical Technician - Basic and one certified as a CPR Driver.

First Response Vehicle

Basic staffing for an EMS first response car shall be one person certified as a First Responder, EMT or Paramedic.

RESPONSE OF UNITS:

When responding, all units shall provide the number of personnel to the EOC as follows:

- For fire apparatus, the unit shall respond with the number of fully certified personnel, cleared to operate interior. If the unit is carrying exterior personnel, the unit shall then verbalize "Plus (#)" of exterior personnel.
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- For EMS units, the unit shall respond with the appropriate ALS or BLS designation with the number of personnel on board. If the unit responds without a certified EMS provider on board, the unit will respond "Driver Only", or "Driver Plus (#)".

AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENTATION OF UNITS:

In order to ensure appropriate resources on the scene, the unit officer will request additional resources.

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Chairman of Chief's Committee

Approved Date:

Implementation Date: