

LOS PINOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE



| TITLE | NUMBER | EFFECTIVE DATE | REVISION DATE |
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| FIRE RESPONSE ASSIGNMENTS | 401 | August 30 th , 2004 | March 27 th , 2006 |

PURPOSE

This SOP outlines the standard initial response assignments for fire incidents within the Los Pinos Fire Protection District.

GENERAL

Minimum response assignments outlined in this procedure may be modified by Los Pinos Fire Protection District members based upon the following:

- Nature and extent of the emergency
- Availability of personnel and equipment
- Any additional information received about the incident

If the incident occurs in a non-hydranted area of the district, water supply and needed fire flow should dictate what additional units respond and/or requested. The same holds true for requested mutual aid companies.

Members also need to consider that initial response resources may also be responding from the outlying stations, depending on the availability of volunteer members. This practice is highly encouraged, especially when units responding from the outlying stations will arrive on scene prior to units responding out of Station One. Radio traffic must be monitored to determine what resources are responding. The response assignments may be modified in these cases depending on the equipment and number of personnel coming out of the outlying stations.

Members need to request, and assign, mutual aid companies in situations where the fire district's resources become taxed and the use of additional equipment and/or personnel will enhance firefighter safety and accountability, as well as assist in fire suppression.

The list of responses in this SOP is not all inclusive. Situations will arise where a request for service does not fit into a standard response, or other circumstances will come up that will require modifications of these procedures. Members are expected to exercise good judgment in assigning units to a modified initial response.

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COMMERICAL STRUCTURE FIRES

The initial response assignment to known or suspected fires within (or threatening) a commercial structure shall consist of:

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| Engine Eighty One (1st Due) | Ladder Eighty One (2nd Due) |
| Tanker Eighty One (3rd Due) | Auto Aid Tanker (4th Due) |
| Additional units from outlying stations, if available | |
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RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRES

The initial response assignment to known or suspected fires within (or threatening) a residential structure shall consist of:

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| Engine Eighty One (1st Due) | Tanker Eighty One (2nd Due) |
| Auto Aid Tanker (3rd Due) | |
| Additional units from outlying stations, if available | |

Depending on the location of an incident (i.e., hydranted v. non-hydranted) and the type of residential structure (i.e., multi-story v. single story) consider having Ladder One respond as the 2nd Due unit.

“SMOKE IN THE AREA” REPORTS

The initial response assignment to non-specific reports of smoke outside of buildings shall be:

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| Brush Eighty One (1st Due) | Tanker Eighty One (2nd Due) |
| Additional units from outlying stations, if available | |
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ODOR INVESTIGATIONS (INCLUDING CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS)

The initial response assignment to non-specific reports of unknown odors and/or the activation of a carbon monoxide alarm shall be:

Engine Eighty One (1st Due)

Rescue Eighty One (2nd Due)

Units from outlying stations, if available

If you suspect that the odor may be a chemical or hazardous materials problem, consider notification of the Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team.

FLAMMABLE GAS LEAKS (OUTSIDE)

The initial response assignment to gas leaks outside of a structure shall be:

Engine Eighty One (1st Due)

Tanker Eighty One (2nd Due)

Units from outlying stations, if available

If the gas leak is coming from a large transmission line or from a well site, consider requesting additional resources and notification of the Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team.

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| <u>FLAMMABLE GAS LEAKS (INSIDE)</u> | |
| The initial response assignment to gas leaks or gas odors inside of a residential structure shall be: | |
| Engine Eighty One (1st Due) | Tanker Eighty One (2nd Due) |
| Outlying Station Tanker (3rd Due) | |
| Units from outlying stations, if available | |
| The initial response assignment to gas leaks or gas odors inside of a commercial structure shall consist of: | |
| Engine Eighty One (1st Due) | Ladder Eighty One (2nd Due) |
| Tanker Eighty One (3rd Due) | Outlying Station Tanker (4th Due) |
| Units from outlying stations, if available | |

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| <u>VEHICLE FIRES</u> | |
| The initial response to vehicle fires shall be: | |
| Engine Eighty One (1st Due) | Tanker Eighty One (2nd Due) |
| Units from outlying stations, if available | |
| If the fire involves a large vehicle (i.e., an eighteen-wheel tractor/trailer or large piece of farming equipment) consider requesting additional resources and notification of the Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team if you suspect hazardous cargo may be on board. | |

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VEHICLE FIRES INSIDE A STRUCTURE

The initial response assignment to known or suspected vehicle fires within a residential structure shall consist of:

Engine Eighty One (1st Due)

Tanker Eighty One (2nd Due)

Auto Aid Tanker (3rd Due)

Units from outlying stations, if available

The initial response assignment to known or suspected vehicle fires within a commercial structure shall consist of:

Engine Eighty One (1st Due)

Ladder Eighty One (2nd Due)

Tanker Eighty One (3rd Due)

Auto Aid Tanker (4th Due)

Units from outlying stations, if available

UTILITY POLE/TRANSFORMER FIRE (WIRES DOWN OR ARCING)

Engine Eighty One (1st Due)

Tanker Eighty One (2nd Due)

Units from outlying stations, if available

LaPlata Electric should be requested to respond on these incidents. If a large transformer or power sub-station is involved, consider requesting additional resources.

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AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS (HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND OCCUPIED SCHOOLS)

The initial response to an automatic fire alarm at health care facilities and occupied schools shall be:

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| Engine Eighty One (1st Due) | Ladder Eighty One (2nd Due) |
| Tanker Eighty One (3rd Due) | Outlying Station Tanker (4th Due) |
| Units from outlying stations, if available | |
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AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS (ALL OTHER OCCUPANCIES)

The initial response to an automatic fire alarm at all other occupancies, including unoccupied schools shall be:

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| Engine Eighty One (1st Due) | Tanker Eighty One (2nd Due) |
| Units from outlying stations, if available | |

If additional phone reports or unusual alarm activity indicates that a fire is in progress, consider requesting additional resources (i.e., Ladder One for commercial buildings).

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WILDLAND/BRUSH FIRES

The initial response to reported wildland or brush fires shall be:

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| Brush Eighty One (1st Due) | Tanker Eighty One (2nd Due) |
| Units from outlying stations, if available | |
| <p>In periods of high lightning strike activity, consider reducing assignment to one brush unit to assist in increasing the availability of additional brush units. If large fires are reported, consider requesting additional resources.</p> <p>It may also be prudent not to commit all of the on-duty career personnel to a wildland/brush assignment that can be mitigated with a crew of two personnel. Consideration should be given to subsequent fire and medical responses.</p> <p>If the fire size and location dictates that a water supply is needed in remote, off-road locations, Tanker Two should be requested and respond as the 2nd Due unit.</p> | |

AIRPORT INCIDENTS

The initial response to a request for mutual aid from Durango/LaPlata County Airport for an aircraft or fire incident shall be:

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| Engine Eighty One (1st Due) | Rescue Eighty One (2nd Due) |
| Ladder Eighty One (3rd Due) | |
| Units from outlying stations, if available | |
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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS

The initial response to a reported hazardous materials incident shall be:

Engine Eighty One (1st Due)

Rescue Eighty One (2nd Due)

Units from outlying stations, if available

Because of the unique nature of hazardous materials responses (i.e., incidents ranging from a simple fuel spill to a complex chemical emergency) the initial response outlined here is to make an assessment of the situation only.

If you suspect that the incident may be beyond the fire district's ability to mitigate, consider notification of additional resources including the Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team.

Members should also consider requesting a medic unit to respond and/or stand-by on incidents that warrant the use of those resources (i.e., working fires).

Larry Behrens

Larry Behrens, Fire Chief

March 27th, 2006

Date