



Carroll County Department of Fire & EMS

Standard Operating Procedure

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I. PURPOSE

This Operational Procedure defines the compliments of additional resources available on a working incident and when to request those resources.

II. DEFINITIONS

None

III. Policy

A. Rapid Intervention Dispatch RID

The primary purpose of the RID is to minimize impact time in enhancing the initial Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) with additional resources, when there is indication of a working fire. The Rapid Intervention Dispatch should be requested by the first arriving resource, both in hydrant and non-hydrant areas, as soon as it becomes apparent that it is a working incident (fire or smoke showing). This is generally determined on arrival, and communicated as part of the BIR, however there may be times where further investigation is needed in order to make a full determination.

1. As soon as it is determined to be a working fire, the Rapid Intervention Dispatch must be requested:
 - a. By the first arriving unit
 - b. By the responding Command officer if not already requested
 - c. Prompted by the Communications tac channel operator, based on “smoke/fire showing” if the first arriving unit fails to request.
 - d. The ECC supervisor may start the RID base on information received at the ECC

2. The resources dispatched on a Rapid Intervention Dispatch include:
- 1-Engine
 - 1-Special Service (Truck or Rescue Squad)
 - 1-ALS Transport Unit

B. Special Call

A “special call” is a request for the dispatch of any combination of additional unit types, unit capabilities, or specific units. The Incident Commander must specify the desired quantity of unit types or capabilities, or the specific units desired.

Example; “Main Street Command to Carroll, Special Call 2 engines to the scene”

C. 2nd Alarm Hydrant

- 5 – Engines
- 2 – Trucks
- 1 – ALS Transport

D. 2nd Alarm Non-Hydrant

- 5 – Engines
- 2 – Trucks
- 3 - Tankers
- 1 – ALS Transport

E. Fire Task Force

- 2 Engines, 1 Special Service, 1 BC

F. Tanker Task Force

- 1 Engine, 3 Tankers, 1 Brush, 1 BC

G. Brush Task Force

- 1 Engine, 3 Brush Units, 1 Tanker, 1 Medic, 1 BC

H. HazMat

- 2 Engines, 1 Special Service, 1 Medic, HazMat 30, 1 BC

I. ATR

- 1 Engine, 1 Medic, 1 Ambulance, ATR 30, 1 Brush, 1 ATV, 1 BC

J. Inaccessible Person Rescue

- 1 Engine, 1 Special Service, 1 Medic, 1- Chase Car, 1- ATV, 1 BC

I. EMS Task Force

The incident commander will verbally request an “EMS Task Force.” The ECC will ask for the number of patients and will dispatch one of the following assignments:

- **EMS TF**; 5-10 Patients – 5 Ambulances (minimum 2 ALS), 1 Chase Car, 2 Staff Assist, BC
- **EMS TF/MCI 1**; 11-25 Patients – 10 Ambulances (minimum 4 ALS), 2 Chase Car, 4 Staff Assist, 1 MAB, 1 MCSU, 1 Passenger Bus, BC.
- **EMS TF/MCI 2**; 26-50 Patients – 15 Ambulances (minimum 7 ALS), 2 Chase Car, 6 Staff Assist, 2 MAB, 2 MCSU, 2 Passenger Bus, BC.

IV. RECISION

This Standard Operating Procedure rescinds all directives regarding Requesting Resources or similar content previously issued for personnel of the Carroll County Department of Fire & EMS.

V. RELATED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES / DOCUMENTS

None

VI. ATTACHMENTS

None