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Office of the Fire Chief

Policy 4215-001

Personnel Response (#98-01) [Revised 2015] [Revised 2021]

Purpose: To clarify member response and who is permitted to respond to the scene of an alarm, and under what limited circumstances a member is permitted.

Member response to station:

1. Member response, it shall be each member's responsibility to obey all traffic laws and operate their POV safely while responding to the station for an incident. Reckless or careless driving will not be tolerated. Complaints regarding member responses will be handled by the Fire Chief who will determine if the complaint shall be forwarded to the proper police agency or disciplinary action shall be taken. It will not be the Carlisle Fire Company's responsibility for issued violations from a police agency.
2. Command Officer, or acting Command Officer and Fire Police shall be permitted to respond directly to the incident scene. The Company photographer are also authorized to respond to the scene as is the ambulance with the on duty crew (the crew must be in the ambulance).
3. The general membership shall not respond to the incident scene unless:
 - a. The member has a vested interest in the incident at hand and is at the scene to provide technical or entry assistance (i.e. you own the property, work there or maintain the equipment/property)
 - b. The scene does not permit your passage and there is no means to escape the area.
 - c. While in route to the firehouse you see there is an emergency need to provide assistance to the injured, remove, or prevent a hazard. This applies if the incident is within your normal route of travel or the shortest distance to the firehouse. Keep in mind your limited resources and if other member(s) are already there.
4. This policy is meant to help everyone especially the public we swear to serve with professionalism. From a Fire Chief's perspective; it is extremely difficult to handle an alarm when one or even several people respond to the scene and the apparatus is back at the station patiently waiting for manpower. We cannot provide the service or get the equipment to the alarm if the help does not arrive at the station FIRST.
 - As a policy this serves as a general definition of what is expected of everyone. As always, the Fire Chief will hear your explanation if in violation of the policy; but it is my intent to direct all available manpower to the station so that the apparatus can get on the road and to the scene where everyone can be of help.