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### **Policy 4215-004**

#### Policies and Directives

#### Response Time for Apparatus Policy (#99-02) [Revised 2020]

Purpose: This policy will give a general guideline on how long one should wait before the apparatus responds from the station on a “routine” alarm. The first apparatus shall not leave without a qualified four man crew (driver, officer, and 2 firefighters). Subsequent apparatus shall only respond with qualified personnel necessary to complete the aforementioned job tasks. Naturally, certain circumstances will call for an unusual response or a response outside this directive, those events will not conflict with this directive (i.e., a MVC occurs where a car is on fire and a rescue is also needed- a quicker or modified response of the apparatus is in order). This policy will afford **all** personnel the opportunity to participate in the alarm. More importantly, this policy will enable this department to adequately handle the situation at hand—preserving safety and responsibility to the public and ourselves.

#### Definitions for this policy:

“crew”= Driver, officer, and adequate manpower to handle the incident

“apparatus”= Engine, ladder, rescue truck, brush truck, boat and utility vehicles on running card

“officer”= Appointed personnel of rank by the Fire Chief or senior firefighter acting in the capacity of an officer

“driver”= Appointed personnel of the Chief Engineer—some restrictions may apply

“qualified”= Able to handle an incident or perform the job functions needed for same.