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Office of the Fire Chief

Policy 4215-008

Policies and Directives

Mutual Aid and Cover up Policy

The following policy is copied from and adopted by the Kent County Fire Chiefs Association minimum response levels for mutual aid received from surrounding departments. The surrounding departments will be dispatched in accordance with the grid number they are assigned to as explained in section E subsection 2 of the Standard Operating Guidelines.

MVC with Entrapment – 29D5

- Carlisle Fire Company
- Next due Rescue
- 2 BLS total (including any from the home company), ALS, Aviation

Structure Fires –

- Non-Hydrant
 - Residential
 - Carlisle Fire Company
 - Next Due Tanker Company
 - Additional Tanker if Home Company doesn't have one
 - Next due Ladder Company if Home Company doesn't have one
 - Commercial / High Life Hazard
 - Carlisle Fire Company
 - Next Due Tanker Company
 - Additional Tanker if Home Company doesn't have one
 - Next due Ladder Company
 - Large Non-Dwelling
 - Carlisle Fire Company
 - Next Due 2 Tanker Companies
- Hydrant
 - Residential
 - Carlisle Fire Company
 - Next Due Engine Company
 - Next due Ladder Company if Home Company doesn't have one
 - Commercial / High Life Hazard / Large Non-Dwelling
 - Carlisle Fire Company
 - Next Due Engine Company
 - Next due Ladder Company

If any specialty resource (Ladder, Rescue, or Tanker) on the assignment is out of service, Kent Center will automatically replace this unit with the next due specialty resource.

Cover Ups

Response

1. The Carlisle Fire Company will not be available for automatic cover up dispatch during weekdays Monday- Friday for the hours of 0600-1800 hours. This omission is on file with the Kent County call board dispatch center.
2. In the event that the Carlisle Fire Company is dispatched for this event, this will be honored at that time without hesitation.
3. At no time will any member solicit the Kent County call board dispatch center that a crew is available for any cover up assignment.

Receiving

1. An automatic dual response with two surrounding companies in the respective grid assignments will be dispatched for any second emergencies in the district. This automatic dispatch is for the initial first alarm and second alarm dispatch procedures.
2. At no time during any alarm shall the OIC, or any member inside the station will request a cover up from another company until the alarm reaches the third alarm and ALL surrounding companies have been previously called in to assist at scene.
3. In the event a mutual aid response from surrounding departments to the scene is dispatched but is determined not to be needed at the scene by the OIC, those companies will be placed in an "available area" on the fire scene or nearby to be used as a cover up assignment responding from that scene.
4. In the event that Kent Center notifies the OIC of a company who is volunteering a crew for a cover up, the OIC shall radio the transmission was received, but take no action unless, the alarm is third alarm or beyond.