



Carlisle Fire Company Inc.

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Office of the Fire Chief

Policy 4215-015

Career Staff used for Firefighting Operations

At any fire alarm the ambulance will be placed on the running card. The ambulance shall respond first on all Motor Vehicle Accidents, Elevator Rescues, Lockout Rescues and Carbon Monoxide Emergencies, reporting to the Command Officer or First Responding Fire Apparatus of the incident.

Carlisle Career Staff supplementing fire personnel for fire alarms:

When possible, and there are two career staff firefighters working, in the event of a fire alarm, two of the Career Staff personnel shall serve as firefighters to supplement the volunteer crew. The Career staff will only respond as firefighting personnel when there is no medical emergency where the ambulance is needed for that alarm (MVC, CO). All calls will come as a first come first service for the Career Staff. The Career Staff may be used for firefighting purpose. The Career Staff will be issued proper firefighting PPE by the Carlisle Fire Company or may use their own. Career Staff fire helmets must be black or yellow in color.

Ambulance on scene responsibility

When arriving on scene of **ANY** structural response, vehicle fire, woods/field, the crew of the occupied ambulance on scene, shall immediately set up for rehab and or patient care. It is required that stretcher be unloaded, and medical bag readily available for immediate assistance. Career Staff/ EMTs will set up in the staging area near the Command 42.

Career Staff to be used as a Firefighter must:

Be a member in good standing in home fire department or if full time, trained by Carlisle Fire Company.

Delaware State Fire School Training Acknowledged:

Basic Firefighting Skills, Structural Firefighting

Carlisle Career Staff Firefighter/ EMT's shall be utilized during any alarm where the ambulance is first due:

- During the activation of the alarm, please open bay doors of firehouse.
- At least one FF/EMT shall proceed to the firehouse PPE geared and get on truck, if two FF/EMTs, both will get on the responding apparatus. Will not need approval from OIC to get on apparatus.
- Responding ambulance to the alarm (If not first) will follow behind apparatus, driver only if needed, as per the apparatus response card.
- There will still be a minimum staffing requirement of two volunteer members to make the crew four
- Career Staff used as Drivers must be approved by the Chief Engineer.
- Career Staff will not be used in Alpha or Bravo seats while volunteers are still afforded this seat.
- These requirements can be overridden if the company is receiving a response check from the call board and the OIC feels the need to do so.
- When utilized, the Ambulance will be placed in Bypass (notify Kent Center) at that time alerting next due ambulance for all second emergency EMS calls.
- The Career staff **will not** go on alarms of stand-by, or assist out of Carlisle district.
- The Career staff used for alarms will have every attempt to be returned back to service within 30 min of the alarm to the ambulance.

If the Carlisle Career Staff is utilized during an evening/ nighttime alarm, the second ambulance shall be placed on bypass for the duration of that alarm. This will prevent any delay in service for additional medical calls in the district.

Procedure of fire alarm:

Carlisle Career Staff is expected to be used for firefighting purposes when available. If a crew is two firefighters than both crew members are to be used for firefighting. If it is FF/EMT and only EMT, then firefighter will get on apparatus and EMT will drive ambulance to scene. When there are two ambulances in service, both ambulances are to respond to each incident if both ambulances only have EMTs on board.



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Procedure of alarms continued:

- Career Staff of two with only one ambulance:
 1. Career Staff will open bay doors of firehouse for responding members
 2. Career Staff will place ambulance in bypass mode with Kent Center
 3. Career Staff will staff first run apparatus to alarm where dispatched
- Career Staff of two with two ambulances
 1. Career Staff will open bay doors of firehouse for responding members
 2. Career Staff will staff first run apparatus to alarm where dispatched
 3. Additional Career Staff on other ambulance crew will respond to scene as well for all structural responses.

Career Staff on scene procedure for staff not used as firefighting:

- Career Staff shall park out of way of responding fire apparatus. At no time shall the ambulance be parked in the driveway of residence of alarm or directly in front of the structure or the alarm.
- If not used for immediate patient care, Career Staff shall set up for Rehab out of the ambulance. The stretcher shall be removed from the ambulance and placed in rehab area with medical bag(s) in the event it is immediately needed. Career staff shall also be available to remove the coolers from the apparatus shall they also be needed for working structure fires.
- Rehab by Career Staff shall be set up immediately for the following incidents:
 1. Structural Fires
 2. Field/Brush/ Woods Fires
 3. Outside gas leaks
 4. Vehicle Fires

For any questions in reference to this policy, please notify the Fire Chief directly.

Fire Chief

Ryan Knowles

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