FAUQUIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

SUBJECT: Mutual Aid		**NUMBER**: 04.016
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1.0 Policy

It is the policy of the Communications Division to provide clear and concise directions to personnel for dispatching mutual aid to surrounding counties.

2.0 Purpose

To establish protocol necessary for employees to utilize when dispatching mutual aid to and from surrounding counties.

3.0 Definition:

3.1 **Mutual Aid –** is the sharing of resources including equipment, apparatus, and personnel between jurisdictions, usually with an established agreement of sharing such resources.

3.2 **COG –** Council of Governments has been established in the Metropolitan Washington Area to establish a group of leaders to address major regional issues in the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia. The efforts of this group are to create a regional response approach to incidents (mutual aid).

3.3 **COG/CAD Designators** – each county participating in COG was provided a numeric identification to establish a clear unit identifier for units responding mutual to other jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions (not a part of COG) have followed suit and the designators surrounding Fauquier are listed below:

Prince William	05##	Loudoun County	06##
Fauquier County	11##	Culpeper County	12##
Rappahannock County	14##	Clark County	16##
Stafford County	15##	Warren County	24##

indicates the local Company number for example Warrenton Fire would be identified as 1101 when responding mutual aid.

4.0 Procedure:

4.1 Mutual aid request for Fauquier units will be assigned to the appropriate mutual aid talk-group during initial the initial dispatch. Units will be dispatched in the same manner as calls within Fauquier. The unit will continue to operate on the hosting jurisdictions radio system.

When the assignment is complete they will switch back to 11 Bravo and notify Fauquier of their status.

4.2 A Battalion Officer (when available) shall be dispatched when more than one unit is dispatched for mutual aid.

4.3 Mutual aid request for units outside of Fauquier will be vocalized using their COG/CAD designators.

"Box 0201 for the structure fire 12200 James Madison Street, one-two-two-zero-zero James Madison Street, Co 2, 1202, 13, 8, rescue 2, St 14 Medic 14 staffed battalion 2."

4.4 Units from outside Fauquier will operate on the assigned Fauquier talk group request for additional resources will be made through Fauquier Communications.