



Informational Bulletin

Roaming Apparatus Change

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On December 28, 2017, the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management implemented a roaming engine company concept in the northern region of the county (3rd battalion). The intent of this program was to provide more efficient service to the community by reducing response times of adequately staffed units and building system capacity to handle multiple calls for service during weekdays. This program has been very successful and has served the community well.

The program from its inception has continually been reviewed and redesigned as staffing conditions are enhanced or change is deemed necessary. With the implementation of three person-station staffing at 24/7 stations the system has seen a decrease in “understaffed” engines in the northern battalion.

In order to continue to best manage the northern battalion response coverage, we will staff advanced ambulance (AA1105) which will assume the role of the floating resource and should principally be available in the greater Marshall area. Beginning November 26, 2022, daily from 0700 to 1730 hours, AA1105 will relocate to Marshall. E1105 will no longer be considered a roaming asset. If E1105 is dispatched on an event, AA1105 should return to fire station 5’s area to provide coverage for first due EMS or fire suppression response utilizing K1105.

As a general guideline when in Marshall, advanced ambulance 1105, in collaboration with the station OIC, should respond to all EMS calls in station’s 3 first due, the use of a paramedic from station 3 will allow for appropriate triage and treatment when necessary. The anticipated benefits are to ensure the proper level of care is always provided, while ensuring the best suited resources remain available for additional emergency incidents.

When dispatched to calls in Company 5’s response area, if it is recognized that an out of jurisdiction medic is closer because of AA1105’s location and that resource would have a positive impact on the event, mutual aid should be requested.

E1105 will continue to be staffed as an ALS engine company. On first due fire events when AA1105 is out of quarters, E1105’s OIC may elect, if staffing permits, to respond with the engine and tanker using a 3 and 1 staffing configuration.

Questions regarding this informational bulletin should be directed to Assistant Chief Gillam.