

# Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

## **OPERATING PROCEDURE**

No. 502

### **Dispatch of Career Units**

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## **PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for the dispatch of staffed career units/stations in order to provide for the most efficient method of dispatching units during hours of career staffing.

## **SCOPE**

This procedure applies to all operational personnel within the Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management and the Fauquier County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and its associated departments, and personnel at the Emergency Communications Center.

## **I. PROCEDURES**

- A. During the hours of 0600 and 1800 when career personnel are staffing at 12 hour stations, the subsequent guidelines shall be followed.
  1. All staffed career units will be dispatched to the calls in their first due area in accordance with established Fauquier County protocols.
  2. If the 1st due unit is committed to a call and a second call is received for that area, the second due company will be dispatched. If the second due company is not staffed, the next closest appropriately staffed unit will be dispatched as well. Additionally, the first due company will receive a courtesy tone alert.
  3. If the battalion chief is committed to a call and another incident is dispatched in his/her first due, the next available battalion chief will be added to the call if the call is of a nature that requires a battalion chief be added.
- B. Stations which are staffed 24 hours by career personnel shall follow the guidelines within section A.

**Desire to Serve**

**Ability to Perform**

**Courage to Act**

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C. For career staffed units who respond on fire apparatus, the subsequent guidelines shall be followed:

1. When career personnel elect to take suppression apparatus based on the dispatched incident type, they shall announce their response appropriately.
2. Personnel electing to respond with suppression apparatus will also announce that the EMS unit is unstaffed to prevent further dispatching of the unit in question.
3. Upon return to quarters units will advise communications that the EMS unit is staffed.

D. Battalion officers shall be dispatched:

1. To those calls as identified by EMD protocols. The battalion chief may elect to add-on to calls he/she is not dispatched to automatically. Likewise, he/she may decide not to respond to calls dispatched to when information indicates additional or supervisory personnel are not required.
2. On calls when the battalion chief is dispatched and elects not to respond, he/she WILL advise EOC of the decision not to respond.

E. In order to maintain appropriate coverage within the county, the battalion chief will exercise the necessary control over transferring tactical units. If the battalion chief is unavailable to manage this, any command staff officer can request relocation of units. The Emergency Communications Center has the latitude to request relocations when a coverage deficiency is noted.