

# First Alarm Vehicle Assignments

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## 15.0300 Scope:

This procedure will provide the Town of Menasha Fire Department with a systematic response to fire and other emergencies. The initial response to the following types of incidents will be those companies as listed below. Variance from these response guidelines shall be made only by the officer in charge of the incident or because of companies taken out of service for repairs of routine maintenance or other special conditions present, such as limited staffing.

## 15.0301 Alarm Definition:

The companies listed for the various situations are considered the first alarm assignments. The requesting of additional equipment would fall into the following categories.

- a. Working Fire: All remaining TMFD engines, trucks, and personnel
- b. Mutual/Automatic Aid: Request for outside mutual aid assistance as determined by the incident commander or by pre-assigned responses from the communications center
- c. Special Call: Requesting of a single piece of equipment to fulfill a special situation or request. Special equipped vehicles from neighboring communities shall be called immediately when the situation warrants their use: example water tenders from Town of Neenah or Clayton/Winchester Fire Departments
- d. Replacement Vehicles: A similar vehicle from the other station may respond if staffing at the assigned station is below minimum and/or they are unable to respond. Example - Engine 40 may respond to a structure fire in Station 41 area if Engine 41 or Pumper 41 is unable to, due to staffing. (Engine 40 should respond before Ladder 40 for water application if Engine 41 is not available)

## 15.0302 Fire Ground Staffing:

Although many variables exist, at a typical residential structure fire, no fewer than six qualified fire personnel should be assembled before an offensive interior attack is started. Positions that are needed to safely conduct minimal operations are typically an Incident Command, a driver/operator, two fire fighters on an attack line, and two fire fighters on a Back-up Line and designated as the RIT Team.

## 15.0303 15.0303 Structure Fire:

Any actual or suspected fire within a structure including chimney fires, and other fires in close proximity of structures that are potential threats to the structure.

- a. Station 41 response area

- i. Station 41: Engine 41, Pumper 41, Rescue 41, Ladder 40, Pumper 40, Command 40
    - ii. Standby Companies: Engine 40
  - b. Station 40 response area
    - i. Station 40: Engine 40, Ladder 40, Pumper 40, Pumper 41, Rescue 41, Command 40
    - ii. Standby Companies: Engine 41

**15.0304 High-rise Buildings:**

Any actual or suspected fire within a high-rise building including chimney fires, as well as fire alarms. High-rise buildings are those buildings in excess of 60 feet.

- a. Station 41 response area
  - i. Station 41: Engine 41, Pumper 41, Rescue 41, Ladder 40, Pumper 40 Command 40
  - ii. Standby Companies: Engine 40
- b. Station 40 response area
  - i. Station 40: Engine 40, Ladder 40, Pumper 40, Pumper 41, Rescue 41, Command 40
  - ii. Standby Companies: Engine 41

**15.0305 Vehicle Fires:**

Any fire involving an automobile or small truck outside a structure. Larger trucks and incidents involving multiple vehicles (or with known exposure problems) may require additional apparatus and will be special called by the incident commander. An engine from both stations may respond until the pumper from the assigned station checks on and is responding. The engine from the station that is not assigned shall make itself available then for other calls.

- a. Station 41 response area
  - i. Station 41: Pumper 41, Pumper 40
  - ii. Standby Companies: Engine 40, Rescue 41, Ladder 40, & Engine 41
- b. Station 40 response area
  - i. Station 40: Pumper 40, Pumper 41
  - ii. Standby Companies: Ladder 40, Engine 40, Engine 41, & Rescue 41

**15.0306 Grass/Brush/Rubbish/Fires:**

Any fires involving grass, brush, and trash that are not presenting an exposure problem to structures or other outside property of value.

- a. Station 41 response area

- i. Station 41: Pumper 41, Pumper 40
- ii. Standby Companies: Rescue 41, Ladder 40, Engine 40 & Engine 41
- b. Station 40 response area
  - i. Station 40: Pumper 40, Pumper 41
  - ii. Standby Companies: Ladder 40, Engine 40, Rescue 41 & Engine 41

**15.0307 Automatic Alarms:**

Any alarm for automatic sprinklers and local fire alarms. The engine responding from the assigned station area shall respond in emergency mode. The remaining assigned units to the incident shall respond non-emergency unless reports indicate that there is an actual fire or emergency, or if the Incident Commander upgrades the other responding units to emergency mode.

- a. Station 41 response area
  - i. Station 41 – Engine 41, Rescue 41, Ladder 40, Pumper 40, Command 40
  - ii. Standby companies: Pumper 41 & Engine 40
- b. Station 40 response area
  - i. Station 40 – Engine 40, Ladder 40, Pumper 41, Rescue 41, Command 40
  - ii. Standby companies: Pumper 40 & Engine 41

**15.0308 "Suspected" Automatic Fire Alarm Malfunction:**

In the event, the Communications Center notifies TMFD that the "alarm company has confirmed a false alarm" or receive notice that someone is "working on the system", a single Engine or Squad vehicle must continue in non-emergency to verify the false alarm and complete a report and possibly file a false alarm notification.

Note: For all automatic fire alarm calls, both stations are alerted and units not responding remain on stand-by in their respective stations until released.

**15.0309 Hazardous Materials Incidents:**

Any incident reported or anticipated as involving hazardous materials of a flammable, explosive, or toxic nature (gas leaks etc.).

- a. Station 41 response area
  - i. Station 41: Engine 41, Rescue 41, Ladder 40, Pumper 40, Command 40
  - ii. Standby Companies: Pumper 41, Engine 40, & Oshkosh or Appleton Haz Mat Team
- b. Station 40 response area
  - i. Station 40: Engine 40, Ladder 40, Pumper 41, Rescue 41, Command 40

- ii. Standby Companies: Engine 41, Pumper 40, & Oshkosh or Appleton Haz Mat Team

**15.0310 Vehicle Accidents with Fluid Spill/Leak, Clean-up:**

Any response to a vehicle accident for the removal of fuel, control of hazards, or assistance cleaning up accident scene.

- a. Station 41 response area
  - i. Station 41: Rescue 41
  - ii. Standby Companies: Engine 41, Engine 40, Ladder 40, Pumper 41 & Pumper 40
- b. Station 40 response area
  - i. Station 40: Pumper 40
  - ii. Standby Companies: Engine 41, Ladder 40, Rescue 41, Engine 40 & Pumper 41

**15.0311 Vehicle Accident with Injuries/People Trapped:**

Vehicle accidents where occupants or other civilians are possibly injured or trapped in or around the vehicle(s) requiring Emergency Medical treatment and/or the use of tools to free them. Other companies may be special called by the incident commander as the incident requires.

- a. Station 41 response area
  - i. Station 41: Rescue 41, Engine 40, Command 40
  - ii. Standby Companies: Ladder 40, Pumper 41, Pumper 40, & Engine 41
- b. Station 40 response area
  - i. Station 40: Engine 40, Rescue 41, Command 40
  - ii. Standby Companies: Ladder 40, Pumper 41, Pumper 40, & Engine 41

**15.0312 Bridge 441 Incidents:**

Emergency units and personnel parked on the bridge area are in a very dangerous location. It is preferred that only 1 Fire Apparatus be utilized, if at all possible. Traffic cones and emergency lighting are a MUST. Emergency road signs should be utilized if possible.

Response: Apparatus from both stations can respond until such time one of the Apparatus Officers decides which vehicle will most safely be able to handle the incident. The other vehicle can then go stage at a nearby exit and remain on Standby. Additional consideration should be to utilize additional apparatus for "blocking" to ensure scene safety for all emergency personnel.

**15.0313 Carbon Monoxide Calls:**

Rescue Possibility: in the event a rescue(s) may need to take place, a full single-family dwelling structural fire response is appropriate.

Alarm activation only (no rescue or patient care needed): Response from the assigned station area, non-emergency. Release forms (CO) must be used with the gas monitor readings. CO readings above 15 ppm should be handled as a gas emergency with normal ventilation procedures.

- a. Station 41 response area
  - i. Station 41 – Pumper 41
  - ii. Standby Companies: Engine 41, Ladder 40, Rescue 41, Engine 40 & Pumper 40
- b. Station 40 response area
  - i. Station 40 – Pumper 40
  - ii. Standby Companies: Engine 41, Ladder 40, Rescue 41, Engine 40 & Pumper 41

Note- For all CO calls, both stations are alerted and units not responding remain on stand-by in their respective stations until released.

#### **15.0314 Other Service Calls:**

Any incidents involving water evacuation, odor removal, police assists, etc. Additional companies may be special called by the incident commander as required by the incident.

- a. Station 41 response area
  - i. Station 41: Pumper 41
  - ii. Standby Companies: Pumper 40, Engine 40, Ladder 40, Rescue 41, & Engine 41
- b. Station 40 response area
  - i. Station 40: Pumper 40
  - ii. Standby Companies: Pumper 41, Engine 41, Ladder 40, Rescue 41, & Engine 40

#### **15.0315 Ice Rescue/Water Rescue:**

Any incidents involving Ice Rescue/Water Rescue, the Communications Center should automatically dispatch Town of Menasha Police Department, Ice/Water Rescue Units from Neenah/Menasha Fire Rescue and:

- a. Ice Rescue: See Winnebago County E911 Public Safety Directive #04.
  - i. Response: Ladder 40, Rescue 41, Command 40, Neenah/Menasha Fire Rescue
- b. Water Rescue/Assist: See Winnebago County E911 Public Safety Directive #05
  - i. Response: Boat 41, Ladder 40, Rescue 41, Command 40. The Neenah/Menasha Fire Rescue Boat may also be utilized if necessary.

NOTE- Town Police Department may request Boat 41 for a variety of reasons. If dispatched, Ladder 40 and Rescue 41 should always accompany the boat. A Squad normally tows the boat and should immediately pick Boat 41 up at the Street Department storage building. Police squads with a hitch may also tow Boat 41.

**15.0316 "Engine" as the Primary Response Vehicle:**

Available staffing can fluctuate for various reasons. For any dispatched "fire call" the Priority is to first respond a Pumper or Engine for suppression capabilities.

Example: Ladder 40 should not respond to Station #41 unless the crew is sure an Engine from Station #41 is responding first!

**15.0317 Squad Usage:**

- a. Command 40: (Chief's squad) primarily used as a Command Post, EMS Response.
- b. Squad 41: Staff transporter, Command Post, EMS Response, Investigation Unit and General Support.
- c. Squad 40: Staff transporter, Command Post, EMS Response, Investigation Unit and General Support.
- d. Utility 40: Staff transporter, EMS Response, General Support.

Both squads should be positioned in the Cold Zone and parked OFF the roadway if at all possible!

**15.03019 Town Response Staging:**

In the event of a "working" incident, vehicle(s) on Standby should respond to the area of the incident and stage 1-2 blocks from the incident, inform Incident Command of your location and your availability for assignment. If you respond to an incident and are not needed at the time, you are encouraged to move to a central location (near the bridge) or into another station for better coverage capability. The Company Officer assigned to the vehicle will make that determination.

**15.03020 Offensive/Defensive Fire Mode:**

If strategy is offensive initially:

- a. 1st Engine – Suppression, primary water supply
- b. 2nd Engine/Pumper – Suppression, secondary water supply, sprinkler system
- c. 1st Aerial: Set-up and Positioned for roof ventilation and/or water flow
- d. 3rd Engine/Pumper (TMFD) brought into to supply Aerial Platform and or RIT assignment

If upon arrival, "outside" defensive fire attack is appropriate:

- e. 1st Engine: deck gun, ground monitor or large hand-lines, primary water supply
- f. 1st Aerial: elevated streams
- g. 2nd Engine/Pumper: Large Diameter water Supply to Aerial
- h. 3rd Engine/Pumper – secondary water supply, as needed or RIT assignment

**15.03021 Variances to the First Alarm Vehicle Assignments:**

Variances to the above noted S.O.G.s should primarily occur only when normal vehicles are not available due to maintenance issues or staffing limitations. Judgments to the variances should be made by a TMFD Officer or senior fire fighter based on the circumstances present. Normally, an Engine should be the priority of choice for structure fires (see Section 15.0316). If you think you may not have what you need, do not hesitate to request Mutual Aid. Weekday, daytime, holiday and prime vacation periods may be particularly critical, related to staffing concerns and first alarm assignments.

