

Falmouth Fire-EMS Operating Guideline

Mutual Aid Responses

Objective:

To provide guidelines for responding to request for mutual aid to other communities.

General Information:

Falmouth Fire-EMS responds to various neighboring communities as requested. Falmouth Fire-EMS also requests mutual aid from surrounding communities throughout the year. In order to maintain a safe and organized response the following guidelines have been created.

Guidelines:

General Response:

Falmouth Fire-EMS will respond as requested for mutual aid fire and/or EMS calls.

1. Fire Calls

A. Direct to the Scene

- i. An engine or aerial company requested direct to the scene of a mutual aid incident will respond with a full crew whenever possible.
- ii. Crews must be made up of at least three (3) interior firefighters.
- iii. It is preferred that each crew has at least one (1) officer on the responding apparatus.
- iv. If possible, a Chief Officer will respond along with the fire apparatus.
- v. Once on scene all Falmouth crews will use our Accountability system and minimum crew staffing models (minimum crews of 2).

B. Station Coverage

- i. An engine or aerial company requested to cover a mutual aid fire station will respond with as large of a crew as possible, while leaving one seat empty.
 1. The empty seat provides room for a pilot if needed or possibly a Chief Officer.
- ii. Crews must be made up of at least three (3) interior firefighters.
- iii. It is preferred that each crew has at least one (1) officer on the responding apparatus.

2. EMS Calls

A. Direct to the Scene

- i. An ambulance requested direct to the scene of a mutual aid incident will respond with a licensed ambulance crew.

1. A licensed ambulance crew is a minimum of a driver and one licensed EMS provider.
 - ii. It is preferred that each crew has at least one (1) ALS provider on board (Paramedic preferred).
 - B. Station Coverage
 - i. An ambulance requested to cover a mutual aid station will respond with a licensed ambulance crew.
 1. A licensed ambulance crew is a minimum of a driver and one licensed EMS provider.
 - ii. It is preferred that each crew has at least one (1) ALS provider on board (Paramedic preferred).
3. Portland International Jetport Big Box
 - A. Response to the Big Box at the Portland International Jetport is the following:
 - i. One (1) Ambulance to cover the Stevens Avenue Fire Station in Portland
 - ii. Tank 4 to respond to the Portland Elks Club on Congress Street in Portland.

These guidelines may be changed or altered by the Fire Chief at any time.