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.