



WARE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guideline

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Purpose:

This guideline is intended to provide guidance for mutual aid response for apparatus and personnel so the Ware Fire Department effectively responds for call for assistance while assuring that the Town of Ware remains covered with appropriate apparatus and personnel

Scope:

This guideline is intended to be utilized by the Officers in the Ware Fire Department to respond with the appropriate apparatus and personnel.

Providing Assistance:

When a request is received for mutual aid the Officer on duty will assure the following information is obtained.

- Obtain the nature of the emergency and location.
- Determine type of apparatus needed or just personnel.
- Determine if any specialized equipment is needed.

Responding Apparatus:

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| Structure Fire Pumper | Engine 3 One (1) Officer maximum five (5) Firefighters |
| Tower | Tower 1 One (1) Officer maximum five (5) Firefighters |
| Tanker | Tanker 1 One (1) Officer/Senior Firefighter one (1) firefighter |
| Brush unit | Engine 2 One (1) Officer/Senior Firefighter one (1) firefighter |
| Jaws | Tanker 1 One (1) Officer/Senior Firefighter one (1) firefighter |

Additional Resources to Respond:

- Structure Fire Pumper Duty Group is to be toned for response. If additional personnel respond beyond the initial staffing required for Engine 3 personnel may respond in Brush 1. **Only Duty Group to be toned for mutual aid response.**
- Tower 1: Duty Group is to be toned for response. If additional personnel respond beyond the initial staffing required for Tower 1 personnel may respond in Brush 1. **Only Duty Group to be toned for mutual aid response.**
- Tanker 1: No additional personnel to respond beyond personnel responding on tanker unless requesting community requests additional personnel to scene. If additional personnel is requested Engine 3 shall respond with personnel. **Only Duty Group to be toned for mutual aid response.**
- Brush unit: Duty Group is to be toned for response. If additional personnel respond beyond the initial staffing required for Engine 2 personnel may respond in Brush 1. Ambulance 1 may be used for personnel transport if necessary. **Only Duty Group to be toned for mutual aid response.**
- Jaws: Duty Group is to be toned for response. If additional personnel respond beyond the initial staffing required for Tanker 1 personnel may respond in Brush 1. Engine 3 may be used for personnel transport if necessary. **Only Duty Group to be toned for mutual aid response.**

Responsibilities:

Upon arrival at scene of emergency the Officer or Senior Firefighter shall report to the Incident Commander to receive instructions and report apparatus and personnel available for deployment.

Officer or Senior Firefighter shall obtain from the Incident Commander radio communication frequencies or method of communication to be used by Ware Fire Department.

Assures personnel operate within the policies and procedures of the Ware Fire Department. The personnel of the Ware Fire Department will cooperate closely with the Incident Commander who has primary responsibility for control of the emergency within their town or city. The Officer or Senior Firefighter of the Ware Fire Department will retain command of the Ware Fire Department apparatus and personnel and will be responsible for their direction and safety and accountability. In the event of a serious difference of opinion by the Incident Commander and the Officer/Senior Firefighter of the Ware Fire Department particularly where safety of personnel is involved the responsible Officer or Senior Firefighter of the Ware Fire Department shall follow their own judgment and take the most appropriate action ensuring a reasonably safe environment for our personnel.