

RESOLUTION 2024-10

	Standard Operating Procedures	
	Subject: Emergency Incident Response	
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Approved By: Chief Joseph M Cunningham Sr.		

1.0 PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To outline the actions required to be taken by members who are responding to emergencies.

2.0 SCOPE:

- 2.1 This guideline shall apply to all Delran Fire Department personnel operating in a training or rescue incident. This document establishes:
- 2.1.1 Personnel Responding to An Incident
 - 2.1.2 Visiting Personnel
 - 2.1.3 Assistance to Mutual Aid Assignment
 - 2.1.4 Response in Personal Owned Vehicles to Scene

3.0 PROCEDURE:

- 3.1 All active members are encouraged to respond to every emergency alarm. Appropriate credit shall be awarded for every activity in which a member participates.

4.0 PERSONNEL RESPONDING TO AN INCIDENT:

- 4.1 While responding to an emergency incident, personnel shall obey all motor vehicle rules and regulations.
- 4.2 New Jersey Motor Vehicle law (NJS 39:3-54) allows for the use of blue lights with an appropriate permit. The Authorized use of blue lights is dependent upon possession of the proper permit.
- 4.3 The use of a blue light to respond to the station is to be considered a privilege. While responding we are requesting the courtesy of the highway. The use of the light(s), at no time, gives the member the right of the highway. All traffic laws are to be obeyed.
- 4.4 Delran Fire Department personnel, when responding outside of crew hours, are to respond directly to their respective and assigned station. This allows for consistency and effectiveness of the personal accountability system by utilizing their assigned P.P.E and accountability tags. It is only acceptable, but not required, for the personnel to respond to another Delran Fire Department fire station, other than their assigned station under the following circumstances:

- 4.4.1 A member is visiting the other station for any reason including training, meetings, social reasons, etc., and is currently in-station. "Visiting Personnel" is outlined in section 5.0 of this procedure.
- 4.4.2 Response to a member's respective station would involve the member passing or being in close proximity to passing another fire station, overall increasing your response time.
- 4.4.3 Any outer garments worn by members responding to an incident must be made of non-meltable materials. This covers, but is not limited to Shorts, swimming suits, Gym attire etc.

5.0 VISITING PERSONNEL

- 5.1 Active Delran Fire Dept. firefighters who are "visiting" or located at another Delran Fire Dept. fire station other than their assigned station are urged and may respond to emergency incidents provided they have complied with the following:
 - 5.1.1 Notify the highest-ranking officer or firefighter in the station that the member is available to respond.
 - 5.1.2 Personnel are equipped with approved turn-out gear. Assigned turnout gear from a member's respective station may be removed, transported, and utilized at another Delran Fire Dept. fire station only after permission has been granted by the Battalion Chief of their respective station. All turn-out gear must be returned to respective stations immediately once personnel are finished with their "visit".

6.0 ASSISTANCE TO MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENTS

- 6.1 During single station mutual aid assignments, personnel from another Delran Fire Dept. fire station may be available to assist and respond. Personnel of the Delran Fire Department who are available to assist and respond to mutual aid assignments that are dispatched other than those of their respective stations shall comply with the following:
 - 6.1.1 Upon receipt of a mutual assignment request of a Delran Fire Dept. fire station other than a member's assigned station, the member shall respond directly to their assigned and respective station. Response will be done at a "reduced or normal speed", without the utilization of emergency lights or "blue lights". The Emergency Responder Reply System(I-Am-Responding) should also be utilized to provide the incident commander, line officers, and drivers with pertinent information of personnel responding.
 - 6.1.2 Upon arrival at the member's respective station, the member shall contact the other fire station utilizing the Burlington County Hotline telephone and advise the officer in charge that additional personnel are available to assist if needed.
 - 6.1.3 At the request of the officer in charge of the station responding to the mutual aid assignment, personnel may utilize the department utility vehicles with a certified operator to transport firefighters to another Delran Fire Department fire station to provide needed manpower.

- 6.1.4 At no time shall junior members or non-certified personnel directly related to the type of incident (Rapid Intervention Team, Water/Ice rescue, Rope rescue, Wildland Urban Interface, etc) be transported to another Delran Fire Department station, other than their respective station to provide needed and/or additional manpower to stand-by for in-town calls while an apparatus is committed, providing a service.

7.0 RESPONSE IN PERSONAL OWNED VEHICLES TO SCENE

- 7.1 Direct response to the scene of emergencies in a member's personal owned vehicle is discouraged. The only reason acceptable for an immediate response to the scene of an emergency is when it is necessary for the member to drive past the scene en-route to their assigned station. Personnel should however consider carefully where they will be making the most positive contribution – at the scene or staffing apparatus.
- 7.2 Personnel who arrive on scene by any means other than Delran Fire Department apparatus, and who are not equipped with personal protective equipment issued by the Delran Fire Department, shall not partake in any investigation, firefighting operations, or rescue activities.

4.0 DEVIATION OF POLICY

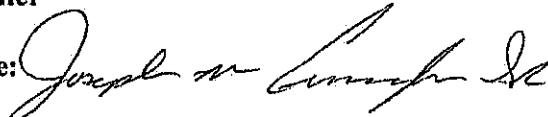
- 4.1 This policy acts as a guideline to follow. If situations during the entire incident do not fit within these parameters, the incident commander of the incident shall have the authority to deviate as necessary to perform a successful outcome and ensure firefighter safety.

Official Approval

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Title: Chief

Signature:



Date: 28 May 2024