

GLASSY MOUNTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

TITLE
GENERAL

SUBJECT
RESPONSE PLAN

GUIDELINE #
1001

PURPOSE

To assure adequate resources are readily available at the scene of an emergency in compliance with recognized guidelines.

RESPONSIBILITY

All fire department personnel.

POLICY

This plan indicates the required initial resources which must respond to emergency calls. GMFD personnel shall move appropriate apparatus to assure timely responses by first utilizing the station closest to the call and then with the balance of the apparatus responding from the next closest station.

Response Additions

1. Upon receipt of a motor vehicle accident (MVA) call with rollover, entrapment, or other significant information (down an embankment, school bus, etc.), the nearest rescue truck and Engine 34 will respond simultaneously.
2. Additionally, the Captain may request the response of a heavy rescue such as, ERT depending on call location and availability. Once on scene it is determined these additional resources are not required, the IC shall communicate a cancellation message to dispatch.
3. There are defined automatic aid response zones involving the Green River FD, Lake Cunningham FD, Slater-Marietta FD and the Tigerville FD. Within these zones, the appropriate agency shall respond a single asset defined as a National Fire Protection Association Standard 1901 fully equipped Class A fire pumper, on first alarm to any and all reported structural fire incident(s).
4. The first arriving duly qualified fire department member recognized as a certified Interior Firefighter will become the ranking member in charge until relieved by a higher ranking member(s) of the same department and/or until the arrival of a ranking member of the district in which the incident occurs who will then function as the Incident Commander within the framework of a National Incident Management System Unified Command.

5. On scene actions will be determined by proper size-up of the incident and steps will be initiated by the first arriving agency regardless of district to stop, mitigate or control the spread of fire. If the first arriving agency is outside their district boundary they may remain on scene in emergent operation or investigative mode at the discretion of the Incident Commander. At all times, the release of the apparatus, personnel and equipment from the assisting department will be considered a priority.

Response Exceptions

1. Headquarters duty personnel will respond automatically as either the first or second due with the appropriate apparatus in the response plan to all other calls unless additional personnel are present to perform the same function.
2. If stations have additional personnel present, prior communication with the Headquarters duty officer and/or among the stations shall be conducted.
3. Once on scene it is determined the additional resource(s) is (are) not required, the IC shall communicate a cancellation message to dispatch and responding units will take up a stand-by presence at a station or return to their quarters.
4. QRV-only calls outside of the GMFSA will require only the Paramedic assigned to the QRV respond. Additional, non-essential personnel may respond with the paramedic as directed by the captain.

Roadway Exemptions

1. Unless an emergency exists on Wilkes Lee Road, it shall not be utilized by GMFD apparatus.
2. The portion of Raven Road from below Ridge Pass Way (**marked with No Construction Traffic Beyond This Point**) to Highway 11 at the Eastern Gate is off limits to GMFD Engines or Tenders ascending or descending the Cliffs of Glassy property, unless a fire emergency exists in the area. Utilizing this roadway **may** cause hose loads to shift and slide off of the apparatus.

Radio Communications

1. Upon leaving the station, personnel are to notify dispatch as to which apparatus is responding (i.e., "Engine 34," "Tender 35," "Rescue 36," "ORV 34", etc.).
2. Units will notify dispatch upon arrival on scene or at staging and requested an assignment from command if previously established. Personnel traveling to a station can then anticipate what further apparatus will be required to fill the balance of the response plan or determine whether to go directly to the scene.

Miscellaneous

1. At no time should properly authorized firefighting personnel bypass a station with additional apparatus nor “self-dispatch” themselves unless directed by the IC.
2. Upon his arrival and after sizing up the situation, should the IC determine additional units are required, he may elect to summon resources from within GMFD or consider mutual aid.
3. Should all GMFD units be needed at the emergency scene, the IC must request mutual aid to stand-by at GMFD stations. Every attempt should be made to staff the mutual aid stand-by units with at least one GMFD member. If a chief officer is not present on scene, notification to him of the call for mutual aid should be made as soon as possible.

Emergency Type and Initial Response

Structural Fires

- 2 Engines
- 2 Tenders (non-hydranted areas)
- 1 Rescue
- 1 Chief Officer

Fire Alarms – Emergent Response First Due Only

- 2 Engines
- 1 Rescue or QRV (Captain)
- 1 Chief Officer (May monitor the alarm)

Trash/Outdoor/Brush Fires

- 1 Brush Truck
- 1 Engine
- 1 Tender (if needed)

Vehicle Fire / Accident

- 1 Engine
- 1 Rescue
- 1 Tender (if needed)

Medical Emergencies

- 1 Rescue and/or QRV

The below assignment table assumes career staffing at Station 1 (Captain and Firefighter) and Station 2 (1 Firefighter). The balance of response complement and apparatus will be filled by volunteer personnel and may be adjusted by the Captain or on-scene Incident Commander as needed.

Alarm Type	Headquarters First Due Station 35 Second Due	Station 35 First Due Headquarters 2 nd Due	Stations 36/37 First Due Headquarters 2 nd Due
Structure Fire	Engine 34, Rescue 34, Engine 35	Engine 35, Rescue 34, Engine 34	Rescue 34, Engine 34, Engine 35
Vehicle Fire	Engine 34, – Rescue 35 to HQ	Engine 35, Engine 34	Engine 34, - Rescue 35 to HQ
Brush/Outdoor Fire	Brush 34, Engine 34 – Brush 35 to HQ	Brush 35, Engine 34	Brush 34, Engine 34 – Brush 34 to HQ
Fire Alarm*	Engine 34, Rescue 34 – Engine 35 to HQ	Engine 35, Rescue 34 – Engine 34	Engine 34, Rescue 34 – Engine 35 to HQ
Vehicle Accident	Engine 34, – Rescue 35 to HQ	Rescue 35, Engine 34	Engine 34 – Rescue 35 to HQ
Medical Emergency	QRV 34 (2) – Rescue 35 to HQ	Rescue 35, QRV 34 Back-up**	QRV 34 (2) – Rescue 35 to HQ
Search and Rescue	Engine 34 (2) – Rescue 35 to HQ	Rescue 35, QRV 34 or Rescue 34 Back-up**	QRV 34 (2) – Rescue 35 to HQ
Tree / Lines Down	Brush 34 (2)	Brush 35 – Rescue 34 or Squad 34 Back-up	Brush 34 (2) – Rescue 35 to HQ
Mutual Aid ***	Tender 34, Captain	Tender 35, Captain	Tender 34, Captain
Automatic Aid	Engine or Tender 34, Captain – Rescue 35 to HQ	Engine or Tender 35, Captain	Engine or Tender 34, Captain – Rescue 35 to HQ

* First Due unit **only** responds Emergency!

** Highest Trained/Certified Crewmember backs up Rescue 35

*** Or as requested