

15.03 Scope

This document provides guidelines for the order of response and staffing for CTFD apparatus on dispatched calls for service both inside and outside Cumru Township.

15.031 Terms

Call for Service refers to a request for CTFD apparatus to respond or report for incidents or details by the Berks County Communications Center (BCCC) through voice or text paging systems or by direct two-way radio transmission.

15.032 Special Calls by Fire Officers

Any special call(s) or instructions for CTFD apparatus to respond, hold at station, or relocate made by a CTFD officer or the Officer in Charge of an incident or detail in progress will supersede the guidelines set forth in this SOG.

15.033 Requested Unit(s) Only To Respond Initially

When the BCCC dispatch calls for specific CTFD unit(s) to fulfill a call for service, only the unit(s) requested during dispatch should respond to the call initially. Apparatus will state upon response their crew size of interior firefighters/rescue certified personnel on the radio. Personnel not responding on the unit(s) requested should report to a CTFD station to staff any remaining CTFD apparatus.

15.034 Apparatus Minimum Staffing Response

Apparatus will wait to respond until minimum staffing (as outlined in the table below) have been reached or 4 minutes after dispatch, whichever occurring first.

Unit Type	Minimum Staffing
Engine	3 Interior Firefighters
Tower	3 Interior Firefighters
Rescue	3 Interior Firefighters (fire type incident)/ 3 Rescue Certified Personnel (rescue type incident)
Brush 42 / Brush 42-1 / Utility 42-1	3 personnel
Brush 42-2	2 personnel

Minimum staffing will not apply to apparatus that is already on the road (training, career staff use, etc.). Units that are on the road upon dispatch and that have been dispatch shall respond.

15.035 Response Inside Cumru Township

Units may respond driver only to a call for service within the Township only after waiting for a crew for four (4) minutes after the dispatch. The driver shall place the apparatus responding and shall clearly communicate to Berks Radio during the response that the apparatus is responding "DRIVER ONLY."

15.035A All Working/Reported Structure, Rescue & Brush Type Calls

Respond with the units that have been dispatched first staffed with as many qualified personnel as possible.

After the primary dispatched units respond, additional apparatus may respond. Unit should wait until 7 minutes after the initial dispatch to respond to provide additional manpower or unit the unit is staffed with two interior firefighters.

15.035B All AFA and Other Types of Calls

Respond with the units that have been dispatched.

All other units will stand-by at Station unless specifically called by the OIC.

If a unit is staffed and standing-by, it should be placed as such with Berks along with the crew size.

15.035C Multiple Units from a Station

When multiple units from a CTFD station are dispatched on the same alarm assignment with-in the Township, personnel will follow the response order posted at each station.

15.036 Outside Cumru Township Responses to All Call Types

Respond with the units that have been dispatched.

All other units will stand-by at Station unless specifically called by the OIC or a CTFD Officer.

If a unit is staffed and standing-by, it should be placed as such with Berks along with its crew size.

When the BCCC dispatches Station 42 with no specific units identified within the Governor Mifflin School district geographical area (with exception of medical calls), an Engine from Station 2 and the Tower from Station 3 shall respond after the unit has reached minimum staffing.

The Engine, Rescue, or Tower shall not respond driver only to a mutual aid call for service outside of the Governor Mifflin School district area unless specifically requested to do so by an officer in charge or duty officer. If apparatus responds driver only within the Governor Mifflin School district they shall announce to Berks and to Command that they are responding driver only. Utilities and brush units may respond driver only when providing additional manpower.

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