

	SUPPORT APPARATUS RESPONSE	2014revA
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Procedure:

The availability and response of support apparatus is critical to the successful mitigation of a wide variety of emergency service calls. Support apparatus often provide necessary tools, equipment and capabilities that cannot be provided by front-line apparatus. Examples of support apparatus include Type 6 engines, Water Tenders, Hazmat, Rescue 6, etc.

Cross-Staffing with Primary Apparatus

Every staffed LFRA fire station has a variety of support apparatus that may be assigned and/or needed for different call types. Company Officers and Truck Captains shall use the following guidelines when determining the appropriate apparatus for the given call type/location.

The initial effective response force for a grass/wildland fire incident shall be a minimum of six (6) personnel with two (2) Type 1 engines and two (2) Type 6 engines. For grass/wildland fire responses east of Wilson Avenue, the first due Type 1 engine shall respond as assigned, with the on-duty firefighter staffing the Type 6 engine (e.g., Engine 6 and Engine 266 respond together). If a Truck/Rescue company is assigned to a grass/wildland fire, then that company shall cancel from the call and ensure that a second Type 1 and Type 6 engine are responding. The firefighter for the second due Type 6 engine may respond PAR 1. In general, the second due Type 6 engine may respond Code 2 (no lights and sirens) unless otherwise directed.

Fire Station #1

Engine 216: Respond paired with Engine 1 if assigned to a 1st Alarm Wildland fire. Firefighter may staff the apparatus (PAR 1) as a second due Type 6 engine.

Water Tender 1: In general, Water Tenders shall always respond PAR 1 unless the first due Type 1 engine is included as part of the initial dispatched assignment. Additionally,

Water Tenders shall always respond Code 2 (no lights and sirens) unless the Water Tender is responding paired with its Type 1 engine. Firefighter may staff the apparatus (PAR 1) to support an incident.

HazMat: If Engine 1 is assigned to the incident, the HazMat shall respond paired with Engine 1. Otherwise, the Firefighter may staff the apparatus (PAR 1).

[Fire Station #2](#)

Engine 223: For structure fire responses into limited access areas (e.g., Buckskin Heights, Pinewood Reservoir, Storm Mountain, Springer Valley, etc.) where Engine 2 is assigned as the first due engine, all personnel from Engine 2 shall respond in Engine 223 and the company officer shall notify Dispatch to place Engine 2 out of service.

Engine 226: Respond paired with Engine 2 if assigned to a 1st Alarm Wildland fire. Otherwise, the firefighter may staff the apparatus (PAR 1) as a second due Type 6 engine.

Dive Rescue 2: If Engine 2 is assigned to the incident, then Dive Rescue 2 shall respond paired with Engine 2. Otherwise, the firefighter may staff the apparatus (PAR 1).

[Fire Station #3](#)

Engine 236: Respond paired with Engine 3 if assigned to a 1st Alarm Wildland fire. Otherwise, the firefighter may staff the apparatus (PAR 1) as a second due Type 6 engine.

[Fire Station #5](#)

Water Tender 5: In general, Water Tenders shall always respond PAR 1 unless the first due Type 1 engine is included as part of the initial dispatched assignment. Additionally, Water Tenders shall always respond Code 2 (no lights and sirens) unless the Water Tender is responding paired with its Type 1 engine. Firefighter may staff the apparatus (PAR 1) to support an incident.

[Fire Station #6](#)

Engine 266: Respond paired with Engine 6 if assigned to a 1st Alarm Wildland fire. Otherwise, the firefighter may staff the apparatus (PAR 1) as a second due Type 6 engine.

Rescue 6: The truck captain will determine when it is appropriate to staff Rescue 6 instead of Ladder/Tower 6. If the on-duty staff responds in Rescue 6, the truck captain shall contact Dispatch and request that they place Ladder/Tower 6 out of service.

Certified Operator Requirements:

The following training/certification requirements shall apply to all personnel who may have responsibility for operating the indicated LFRA support apparatus.

Driver Operator Utility (DOU), including VFIS, IAPD/NAPD

HazMat

Type 6 engines

Dive Rescue 2

Rescue 6

Driver Operator Pumper (DOP)

Type 1 engines

Water Tenders

Rescue 2

ARFF apparatus

Driver Operator Aerial (DOA)

Ladders

Towers

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References:

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