

# **BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY OPERATING GUIDELINE**

## **1.5 INCIDENT RESPONSE - STAGING**

### **Level I staging**

- 1.5.1 Utilized for all multiple resource responses. Standard format follows:

Incident Commander, first arriving engine, truck and rescue respond directly to incident location. The first engine should assume a position at the closest hydrant when the incident is being investigated by the Truck.

- 1.5.2 If an officer from this company is not already on location, the first due apparatus from this company shall proceed directly to the incident location.
- 1.5.3 All other responding apparatus shall stand by in their direction of travel, approximately 1 block from the incident location, in a position that will allow for maximum flexibility in apparatus placement. Engine drivers will stage their apparatus at a water supply.
- 1.5.4 Engine company officers shall reference pre-plan and map books for hydrant locations and sprinkler/standpipe connections where applicable.
- 1.5.5 Apparatus in Level I staging shall Stand Fast until reassigned or released.
- 1.5.6 Companies arriving in Level I Staging will announce their location (i.e. E-841 is staging at the hydrant, Church and State).

### **Level II Staging**

- 1.5.7 Initiated by Incident Commander and announced with staging area location (ie. Camden County 840, initiate Level II staging, Fountainview pool area).
- 1.5.8 Companies assigned to Level I Staging shall Stand Fast at their location unless specifically ordered to the Level II staging area.
- 1.5.9 Apparatus arriving in Level II staging shall transmit their arrival to Camden County. (ie. Camden County Engine 841, arriving at staging).

- 1.5.10 A Staging Manager may be appointed by the Incident Commander as necessary. If a staging officer has not been appointed, the first arriving company officer will serve as the Staging Manager until relieved. Once a Staging Manager has been appointed, the officer of each arriving apparatus shall report to the Staging Manager.
- 1.5.11 The Staging Manager will be responsible for maintaining a list of the apparatus in staging and their staffing levels. The Staging Manager shall deploy apparatus and personnel to the incident scene as directed by the IC, and shall notify the IC when apparatus in staging is depleted.

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