



ANN ARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Procedures – 3.55 Incident Response



INCIDENT RESPONSE

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I. PURPOSE

To establish a procedure for incident response. A fire officer has the ability to upgrade or downgrade the incident response depending on dispatch information. The reason for any response modification shall be documented in the NFIRS report.

II. INCIDENT TYPES

SINGLE - one (1) company
STILL ALARM - two (2) companies and the battalion chief
BOX ALARM - All on-duty companies
SECOND ALARM – 2 engines, 1 truck (mutual aid)
THIRD ALARM – 2 engines, 1 truck (mutual aid)

Truck company: Vehicle with a powered aerial ladder capable of reaching a minimum height of 75 feet. This classification includes ladder and tower radio designation.

Suppression company: Engine, ladder, or tower. Rescue 1-1 does not count as a suppression company.

III. BOX ALARM – All on duty companies

- A. Active assailant / active attacker (emergency traffic)
- B. Airplane crash (emergency traffic)
- C. Building collapse / explosion (emergency traffic)
- D. Structure fire (emergency traffic)
 - i. Visible smoke inside or coming from a building.
 - ii. Fire inside or in close proximity to a structure.
 - iii. Multiple callers reporting a building fire.
 - iv. When callers self-evacuate a building prior to calling 911 reporting a fire
- E. Technical / confined space / trench / ice / water rescue (emergency traffic)
- F. Train derailment (emergency traffic)

IV. STILL ALARM – Two suppression companies and the battalion chief

Still alarms are the response of two suppression companies and the battalion chief. Rescue 1-1 shall not count towards a still alarm response. The captain or battalion chief may add Rescue 1-1, but Rescue 1-1 should not replace a suppression company.

- A. Electrical problem; arcing, shorted equipment - **inside** (emergency traffic)
- B. Fire contained to an appliance (emergency traffic)
- C. Hazardous materials incident (emergency traffic)
- D. Motor vehicle fire (emergency traffic)
- E. Motor vehicle crash with extrication (emergency traffic)
- F. Natural gas leak / odor - **inside** (emergency traffic)
- G. Odor investigation - **inside** (emergency traffic)



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V. SINGLE – One engine, ladder, tower, or Rescue 1-1

Rescue 1-1 may respond alone to the highlighted incidents only.

- A. Brush / mulch / outside fire (emergency traffic)
- B. Burning complaint / illegal burn (normal traffic)
- C. Carbon monoxide alarm with symptoms (emergency traffic)
- D. Carbon monoxide alarm without symptoms (normal traffic)
- E. Dumpster / trash fire (emergency traffic)
- F. Elevator extrication - occupants stuck in elevator (normal traffic, unless occupants are having a medical emergency)
- G. Emergency medical services (emergency traffic or priority as indicated by Central Fire Dispatch)
- H. Environmental clean-up from motor vehicle crash (normal traffic)
- I. Fire alarm (emergency traffic)
 - i. Automatic fire alarm, which includes but is not limited to the following initiating devices: water flow alarm, heat detector activation, sprinkler activation, trouble alarm, smoke detector activation, etc. If a caller is on scene reporting no smoke or fire condition, then all apparatus shall respond normal traffic.
- J. Fire out - report of a fire that is now extinguished (emergency traffic)
- K. Medical alarm - Medical alarm with no additional patient condition information (normal traffic)
- L. Motor vehicle crash with injuries (emergency traffic)
- M. Motor vehicle crash with unknown injuries (normal traffic)
- N. Natural gas leak / odor - **outside** (emergency traffic)
- O. Odor investigation - **outside** (emergency traffic)
- P. Wires down (normal traffic / emergency traffic if hazards present, e.g., arching, flames, across roadway).



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VI. SECOND AND THIRD ALARMS

If the entire second or third alarm assignment is not needed at the incident scene, the Incident Commander may request one of the companies for city coverage.

	SECOND ALARM	THIRD ALARM
Station 1 - Downtown	Pittsfield Twp Engine 10-2 Scio Twp Engine 16-1 Pittsfield Twp Ladder 10-3	Pittsfield Twp Engine 10-1 Ypsilanti Twp Engine 14-3 Ann Arbor Twp Ladder 12-9
Station 3 - West	Scio Twp Engine 16-1 Pittsfield Twp Engine 10-2 Pittsfield Twp Ladder 10-3	Dexter Twp Engine 5-1 Pittsfield Twp Engine 10-1 Ann Arbor Twp Ladder 12-9
Station 4 - East	Pittsfield Twp Engine 10-3 Ypsilanti Twp Engine 14-3 Pittsfield Twp Tower 10-2	Ypsilanti Twp Engine 14-1 Ann Arbor Twp Engine 12-6 Ypsilanti City Tower 2-1
Station 5 - North	Superior Twp Engine 11-1 Pittsfield Twp Engine 10-2 Ann Arbor Twp Ladder 12-9	Pittsfield Twp Engine 10-3 Ypsilanti Twp Engine 14-3 Ypsilanti City Tower 2-1
Station 6 - South	Pittsfield Twp Engine 10-2 Pittsfield Twp Engine 10-1 Pittsfield Twp Ladder 10-3	Ypsilanti Twp Engine 14-3 Scio Twp Engine 16-1 Ypsilanti City Tower 2-1