

ANN ARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT



Standard Operating Procedures 6.09 Washtenaw County Technical Rescue Team Response

WASHTENAW COUNTY TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM RESPONSE

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I. PURPOSE

To establish a procedure that will ensure the timely response of AAFD and Washtenaw County Technical Rescue Team (WCTRT) assets located within the City of Ann Arbor along with AAFD personnel who are members of the WCTRT.

II. CITY OF ANN ARBOR RESPONSE

The battalion chief or Incident Commander may request the response of the WCTRT apparatus out Station 3 for an incident within the City of Ann Arbor without the activation of the WCTRT. The use of these alternative identifiers will prevent the activation of a full WCTRT response.

When 17-3 (white truck) responds without a full WCTRT response, the radio designator of "TRT 1-3" shall be used.

III. WCTRT ACTIVATION

Upon notification of any WCTRT response, the station's assigned apparatus will go out of service to ensure a prompt response. If a WCTRT member is assigned to that station, then that WCTRT member shall immediately respond with the TRT vehicle. If no WCTRT member is on duty at the assigned station, then the driver / operator or another qualified driver / operator will respond with the TRT vehicle. If a non-WCTRT member drives a vehicle to the scene, the assigned apparatus will follow the TRT vehicle to the scene, leave the TRT vehicle on the scene, and return to their station with the full crew.

As WCTRT apparatus respond to an incident, the unit will call in service on the radio.

Off-duty WCTRT members shall respond directly to the scene. When members respond to the scene (non-emergent) with their personal vehicle they shall be reimbursed for their mileage, rate determined by Administrative Policies and Procedures #505.

The battalion chief shall backfill as needed.

IV. NFIRS REPORT

For all WCTRT responses outside the City of Ann Arbor, the highest ranking AAFD / WCTRT responding member is responsible for the completion of the NFIRS report the day of the response. For all WCTRT incidents within the City of Ann Arbor, the first due company officer will complete the NFIRS report, but the highest ranking WCTRT member will be responsible for an addition to the narrative documenting WCTRT actions.