

Thurston County Fire Protection District 8

HR/LF POLICY



POLICY TITLE:	Mutual Aid & Automatic Response
POLICY NUMBER:	2-05-PO-00
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BOARD APPROVAL SIGNATURE:	

It shall be the policy of the District to provide mutual aid within the scope of the current Countywide *Mutual Aid Agreement for Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services* with the most qualified staffing available.

I. Mutual Aid: is the joint response by District resources with another agency outside of the District. Mutual aid may be in the form of an automatic response, greater alarm response, providing back-fill coverage for another agency or regional/statewide mobilization. The District may provide requested resources to the extent certain levels of service are maintained within the District.

- 1) *Automatic Response:* the immediate joint response by the District with other agencies in pre-defined geographical areas, or, for pre-defined types of incidents. District resources are considered part of the “primary” and “first alarm” assignment.
- 2) *Greater Alarm Response:* deployment of District resources for a second or larger alarm incident outside the District.
- 3) *Back-fill Coverage:* deployment of District resources to provide stand-by coverage & response for another agency.
- 4) *Mobilization:* organized response to a major declared disaster. Refer also to Policy 2-01 “Emergency Operations Organization”.

II. Automatic Response (“Auto-Aid”): involves providing initial joint response into specific zones that are identified in this Policy and on the accompanying map. An automatic response may be considered the same as a response within the District itself. The Fire Chief or Designee will update the TCOMM run cards as appropriate.

III. Retained Level of Service: For all mutual aid except automatic responses, the Duty Officer shall ensure sufficient equipment and personnel to provide essential services within the District prior to deploying resources outside the District.

IV. Out of District Response: Mutual aid resources may be provided by the District in a coordinated and controlled manner identified at an approved procedural level.

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<#>with FD7 in the area of the boundary between the District and FD7 (Zone 7-1C);¶
<#>with FD3 in the southern area of the District and FD3 (Zones 3-07 & 3-08); and¶
<#>with FD3 in the eastern area of the District and FD3 (Zones 3-09 & 3-19). ¶
<#>Tender (Alarm Assignment): immediate response by the District with one (1) tender as part of a structure fire first alarm assignment.¶
<#>with FD 7 for any structure fire, district-wide; and¶
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<#>with FD 3 for any structure fire, (Zones 3-21, 3-25 and 3-26).¶

Deleted: <#>Staffing: sufficient number of Emergency Responders, one of whom shall be an officer and one or more of whom will be a certified as First Responder firefighter or EMT, to staff apparatus retained;¶
<#>Apparatus: one (1) engine, one (1) tender and one (1) EMS vehicle.¶

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Deleted: <#>Responding: mutual aid responders respond to the scene when a sufficient number of resources to meet retained level-of-service standards are available either at Station 8-1 or standing by at the substations. Apparatus moving up from substations to Station 8-1 shall be operating in the non-emergency condition unless otherwise directed by the Duty Officer;¶
<#>Response Staffing: no mutual aid units shall leave the District unless properly staffed; this will require a minimum of three (3) Emergency Responders (one of whom is an officer) for an engine, one (1) Driver-Operator for a tender, and two (2) EMTs or First Responders for an EMS vehicle. The Duty Officer may choose to retain the assigned Duty Crew to cover the District while using other qualified responders for staffing of mutual aid unit(s).¶
Notification: if an insufficient number of resources are available for both mutual aid response and in-District coverage, the Duty Officer should notify (as soon as possible) CapCom that the District is not available to fill the alarm/request.