

# Antarctic Fire Department Response

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure adequate and consistent response to emergencies in McMurdo and outlying areas.

## **Scope/Applicability**

It is the responsibility of all personnel to apprise themselves of the Rules and Regulations and Standard Operations Procedures and comply therewith. This procedure applies to all Fire Department personnel.

## **Terms and Definitions**

## **Responsibilities**

Delineates the responsibilities and functions of those who implement the processes described in the procedure. It is the responsibility of all personnel to apprise themselves of these procedures and comply therewith.

## **Discussion**

- A. Station One
  - 1. Fires, Alarms, Hazardous Material Incidents, Smoke/Odor Investigations
    - a. An engine, tanker and ambulance shall respond to the initial dispatch.

- b. Cancellation of apparatus, change in response or requests for additional response shall be at the discretion of the incident commander.
  - c. Response to emergencies shall include the use of all lights, including headlights, emergency lights and flashers.
  - d. Response to incidents not listed above shall be at the discretion of the officer in charge.
2. Medical Calls
- a. An engine and ambulance shall respond to the initial dispatch.
    - 1. The tanker may respond with the ambulance if the engine is unavailable for response.
  - b. Additional response shall be at the discretion of the incident commander.
  - c. Response to emergencies shall include the use of all lights, including headlights, emergency lights and flashers.
  - d. Response to incidents not listed above shall be at the discretion of the officer in charge.
- B. Station Two
- 1. Fires, Alarms, Hazardous Material Incidents, Smoke/Odor Investigations, Stand-by response, In-bound emergencies, Medevacs.
    - a. Two ARFF vehicles appropriate for the type of suppression required, and an ambulance shall respond to the initial dispatch.
    - b. Cancellation of apparatus, change in response or requests for additional response shall be at the discretion of the incident commander.
    - c. Additional response shall be at the discretion of the incident Commander.
    - d. Response to emergencies shall include the use of all lights, including headlights, emergency lights and flashers.
    - e. Response to incidents not listed above shall be at the discretion of the officer in charge.
  - 2. Medical Calls
    - a. One vehicle and an ambulance shall respond to the initial dispatch.

- b. Cancellation of apparatus, change in response or requests for additional response shall be at the discretion of the incident commander.
  - c. Additional response shall be at the discretion of the incident commander.
  - d. Response to emergencies shall include the use of all lights, including headlights, emergency lights and flashers.
  - e. Response to incidents not listed above shall be at the discretion of the officer in charge.
3. Stand-By for Aircraft
- a. One ARFF vehicle staffed with three personnel (vehicle permitting) for C-130 and LC-130 arrivals and departures.
  - b. Two ARFF vehicles staffed with three personnel (vehicle permitting) shall respond to C-141 and C-17 arrivals and departures.
  - c. Response to incidents not listed above shall be at the discretion of officer in charge.

C. Documentation

- 1. The Dispatch center shall create an incident report as soon as possible after the dispatch of a call. Refer to Dispatch Standard Operating Procedures.
- 2. The officer in charge is responsible for completing an incident report before the end of shift.
  - a. The officer in charge shall ensure all medical reports are completed prior to end of shift.
- 3. The attending EMT or Paramedic shall complete medical reports before end of shift.
- 4. Walk-in patients treated and/or escorted to Medical shall be documented in a report.
- 5. Reports shall be created for any response other than requests for assistance with tasking.

## References

Dispatch Standard Operating Procedures

## Records

| <b>Record Identification, Format, &amp; Owner</b> | <b>Active Location Storage, Protection, &amp; Retrieval</b>  | <b>Facility Storage, Protection &amp; Retrieval</b> | <b>Retention Time (Active and/or Facilities Storage)</b> | <b>Ultimate Disposition</b> |
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| Chief of the Department                           | An electronic copy of all response reports shall be stored in the Firehouse Software. Access is limited to personnel assigned administrative access. | Network drive                                       | 5 years  | Archive                     |

## Attachments, Appendices

No attachments