



Stamford Fire Department

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Stamford, Texas 79553

Subject: ALARM RESPONSES

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29.01 PURPOSE

- To provide uniform response guidelines to various emergencies and non-emergencies.
- To provide a minimum response time to alarms in the city and rural areas around the city.
- To identify inherent safety hazards in emergency responses.

29.02 POLICY

The Stamford Fire Department apparatus responses to emergencies, non-emergencies, and operations, shall endeavor to conform to those policies and procedures contained herein. It shall be the policy of this department to answer all emergency alarms within the city limits within 8-10 minutes of receiving the alarm 90 percent of the time. In non-emergency situations the department shall endeavor to handle these situations as quickly as time, equipment, and resources allow.

29.03 CLASSIFICATIONS OF ALARMS

A. PRIORITY ONE ALARMS (multiple apparatus)

- Any fire reported within a structure
- Any fire reported adjacent to a structure
- Building collapse
- Any gas leak
- Any odor of smoke inside a structure
- Vehicle fires
- Anytime the Officer in Charge feels the alarm should be a full response.

B. PRIORITY TWO ALARMS (single apparatus)

- Automobile accidents
- Investigations
- Medical assist
- Brush/grass fire with no exposures
- Utility shutoff
- Lock-outs home (with food cooking) and auto (with children inside or the engine is running)
- Person trapped (elevator, etc.)
- Carbon Monoxide inside structure

C. PRIORITY THREE ALARMS (non-emergency)

- Service calls with no hazards
- Animals trapped



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29.04 PROCEDURES

ALARM RESPONSES

It shall be the policy of this department that Priority One alarms within the city be answered with two (2) engines

All responses within the city that are Priority Two alarms within the city be answered with one (1) engine

Mutual Aid alarms shall be answered according to the City/County mutual aid agreements, and shall not leave the city understaffed.

SAFETY

All apparatus shall proceed to Priority One and Two alarms with all available emergency warning devices operating (lights, sirens, air horns)

All apparatus shall slow and be able to fully stop if required at all traffic lights and signs

All apparatus drivers shall operate emergency vehicles in a safe manner taking into account traffic conditions and weather conditions.

All apparatus drivers shall use major streets and through-fares when possible

UNDER NO CONDITIONS shall apparatus exceed the maximum of ten (10) miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

UNDER NO CONDITONS shall personnel responding in POV exceed the maximum of five (5) miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

All personnel shall wear seat belts while apparatus are in motion. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Multiple responding apparatus shall communicate when approaching common intersections.