

<b>Campbell County Fire Department</b> <b>Standard Operating Procedure</b>		
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**I. PURPOSE:**

To identify the standard response assignments for companies which respond to automatic fire alarms.

**II. SCOPE:**

This procedure applies to CCFD firefighting personnel and all fire alarm responses.

**III. PROCEDURE:**

## 1. General Response Procedures:

1.1. Assigned companies responding to reported fire, smoke, heat and flow alarms should assume the alarm is indicating fire conditions in the building. Turnouts are required and SCBA shall be worn (mask donning optional). Response to alarms reported as "false" by occupants should be investigated without delay; the first in engine only should respond "emergent". Company officers of other than the first in engine may "respond routine".

1.2. Due regard for public safety while providing the appropriate response will guide company officers deciding on their response mode.

## 2. First In Duties:

2.1. The first arriving engine should respond directly to the fire building; give an "on scene" report (including apparent conditions, structural type, and action taken), assume command if appropriate, or may pass command if entering building, and access the building. Check alarm panel for location and type of alarm.

2.2. The initial duty for the "first in" company should be to search the building and communicate either report of fire conditions or apparent false alarm. The mode of operation initially may be "Investigation" and may elevate to "Attack" when fire conditions are present.

2.3. Elevating to "Attack" mode requires the first arriving company to:

2.3.1. Assume/pass command (if not already assumed).

2.3.2. Give assignment to second in company.

2.3.3. Request SO Dispatch to "Reclassify call as a working residential/commercial structure fire" to receive the complete first alarm structure fire assignment.

2.4. Full structure assignment can be requested at any time; i.e. confirmation of flow alarm by visual/audible water flow indicator outside of the building is cause for immediate structure assignment. When reporting an apparent false alarm, request SO Dispatch to "cancel incoming units".

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3. Second In Duties

- 3.1. The second arriving Company should stage at the appropriate hydrant or driveway (in areas w/o hydrants) and act on the orders of the first in company or incident commander. The driver should remain with the apparatus, position to lay a supply line, and act as relay for radio traffic to SO Dispatch.