



RUSSELLVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
POLICY MANUAL

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines and procedures for emergency incident response, including types of emergencies and the number and type of apparatus to respond.

## POLICY

The composition of staffing and the manner in which responses to specific calls are made is complex. This policy outlines the assignments generated by the Computer Aided Dispatch System (CADS), including calls for mutual aid. When answering mutual aid calls, our first concern is keeping protection available for our City while also providing assistance to those who are requesting help.

Pope County 911 Dispatch personnel are responsible for identifying the assignment needed for each incident and dispatching the appropriate level of department units per this policy.

The On Duty Battalion Chief is responsible for monitoring all dispatches and if necessary, makes upgrades to initial assignments (See Policy 205.12).

Company officers may self-assign to calls when they are closer than the units/companies assigned by dispatch. When this occurs, it is important to return the assigned unit to service so as not to duplicate effort. Companies should refrain from self-assignment unless absolutely sure they are the closest and most appropriate company/unit.

If scene size-up or information received during responses indicates the need for additional resources, all on-duty resources will be available for assignment. Mutual aid and additional alarms should be considered early and requested immediately if needed.

When simultaneous incidents occur, the appropriate company officer shall have discretionary authority to allow companies to divert from lower priority calls to higher priority calls. This diversion should only occur during times when companies can have a positive effect on life safety and/or property conservation.

Company Officers shall have the authority to temporarily deviate from this policy should special circumstances, information or incidents arise that, in the officer's best judgment, justify a temporary modification to this response policy.

When staffing brush fire units, the firefighter from the engine company should depart the engine and drive the brush unit. Brush units will not respond alone to calls for service.

### Apparatus Assignment Classifications

E = Engine Company  
L = Ladder Company  
SQ = Squad Company

BFU = Brush Fire Unit  
BC = Battalion Chief  
M = Medic

RB = Rescue Boat  
H = Hazmat

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Call Type	Response Type	Resource Assignment
Active Shooter Incident	Emergency	2M 2E 1L 1BC 1SQ
Aircraft Emergency	Emergency	1M 2E 1L 1BC
Aircraft Accident (Large-Scale)	Emergency	2M 4E 1L 1 BC
Animal Rescue	Non-Emergency	1M 1E
Animal Rescue (FMA 1)	Non-Emergency	1L
Assist Other Agency (Police, etc.)	Non-Emergency	1E
Assist Other Agency (Police, etc.- FMA 1)	Non-Emergency	1L
Assist with Lifting	Non-Emergency	1E
Assist with Lifting (FMA 1)	Non-Emergency	1L
Bomb Threat	Non-Emergency	1E 1BC
Bomb Threat (FMA 1)	Non-Emergency	1L 1BC
Burn Complaint	Non-Emergency	1E
Burn Complaint (FMA 1)	Non-Emergency	1L
Carbon Monoxide No Symptoms	Non-Emergency	1E
Carbon Monoxide No Symptoms	Non-Emergency	1L
Carbon Monoxide With Symptoms	Emergency	1M 1E
Carbon Monoxide With Symptoms (FMA 1)	Emergency	1M 1L
Child Locked in Vehicle	Emergency	1E
Child Locked in Vehicle (FMA 1)	Emergency	1L
Confined Space Rescue	Emergency	1M 2E 1L 1H 1BC
Dumpster Fire	Emergency	1E
Dumpster Fire (FMA 1)	Emergency	1SQ 1L
Electrical Lines Down/Problem	Emergency	1E
Electrical Lines Down/Problem (FMA 1)	Emergency	1L
Elevator Rescue	Emergency	1E 1L 1 BC
Fire Alarm - Residential	Emergency	1E
Fire Alarm - Residential (FMA 1)	Emergency	1L
Fire Alarm - Commercial	Emergency	1E 1 L 1 BC
Fire Alarm (Outside City)	Emergency	1E 1 BC
Fluid/Hydrocarbon Spill (< 5 gallons)	Non-Emergency	1E
Fluid/Hydrocarbon Spill (< 5 gallons -FMA1)	Non-Emergency	1L
Fluid/Hydrocarbon Spill (> 5 gallons)	Emergency	1E 1H 1BC
Fluid/Hydrocarbon Spill (> 5 gallons - FMA1)	Emergency	1L 1H 1 BC
Grass/Brush Fire	Emergency	1E 1BFU
Grass/Brush Fire (FMA 1)	Emergency	1SQ 1E
Grass Fire (Interstate)	Emergency	2E 1BFU 1BC
Grass Fire Threatening Structure	Emergency	2E 1BFU 1BC
Grass Fire (Outside City)	Emergency	1E 1BFU 1BC
Gas Leak – Residential (Outside)	Emergency	1E
Gas Leak – Residential (Outside - FMA1)	Emergency	1L
Gas Leak – Residential (Inside)	Emergency	1E
Gas Leak - Residential (Inside - FMA1)	Emergency	1L 1SQ
Gas Leak – Main	Emergency	2E 1BC
Gas Leak - Main (FMA1)	Emergency	1E 1L 1BC
Gas Leak – Commercial, Multi-Family	Emergency	2E 1H 1BC
Gas Leak – Commercial, Multi-Family (FMA1)	Emergency	1E 1L 1H 1BC
Gas Leak – Fire	Emergency	2E 1L 1 BC
Hazardous Materials (Initial – In City)	Emergency	1E 1BC
Hazardous Materials (Initial – In FMA1)	Emergency	1L 1BC
Hazardous Materials (Confirmed)	Emergency	2E 1H 1BC

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Hazardous Materials (In County)	Emergency	1H 1BC
Hazardous Materials (Outside County)	Non-Emergency	1H
High-Angle/Rope Rescue	Emergency	1M 2E 1L 1BC
Investigate Odor Unknown	Non-Emergency	1E
Investigate Odor Unknown (FMA 1)	Non-Emergency	1L
Major Emergency/Disaster	Emergency	2M 4E 1L 1BC
Mass Casualty Incidents	Emergency	2M 2E 1L 1BC
Medical Response	Emergency	1M 1E
Medical Response (FMA 1)	Emergency	1M
Motor Vehicle Collision	Emergency	1M 1E
Motor Vehicle Collision (FMA 1)	Emergency	1M 1L
Motor Vehicle Collision – Interstate	Emergency	1M 2E 1BC
Motor Vehicle Collision – Extrication	Emergency	1M 1E 1L 1BC
Motor Vehicle Collision – Outside City	Emergency	1E 1BC
Motor Vehicle Collision – Extrication (Outside City)	Emergency	1E 1BC
Move Up	Non-Emergency	1E
Railroad Emergency (Train Fire)	Emergency	2E 1BC
Railroad Emergency (Train Fire - FMA 1)	Emergency	1E 1L 1BC
Railroad Emergency (Train Derailment)	Emergency	3E 1L 1BC
Smoke Detector Sounding – No Signs	Non-Emergency	1E
Smoke Detector Sounding - No Signs (FMA 1)	Non-Emergency	1L
Smoke Detector with Signs	Emergency	1M 3E 1L 1 BC
Smoke/Odor Check	Non-Emergency	1E
Smoke/Odor Check (FMA 1)	Non-Emergency	1L
Still Alarm/Public Service	Non-Emergency	1E
Still Alarm/Public Service	Non-Emergency	1L
Structure Fire (Residential)	Emergency	1M 3E 1L 1BC
Structure Fire (Commercial)	Emergency	1M 3E 1L 1BC
Structure Fire (Large-Scale Industrial/High-Rise)	Emergency	1M 4E 2L 1BC
Structure Fire (Mutual Aid)	Emergency	1E 1BC
Technical Rescue (Trench/Building/Cave-In etc.)	Emergency	1M 2E 1L 1BC
Vehicle Fire (Passenger Vehicle)	Emergency	1E
Vehicle Fire (Passenger Vehicle - FMA 1)	Emergency	1L
Vehicle Fire (Large Truck Fire)	Emergency	2E 1BC
Water Rescue	Emergency	1M 2E 1L 1RB 1BC

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