

Spartanburg Public Safety Department Fire Division

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I. PURPOSE

This procedure describes the dispatch, response, and on-site operations of fire companies and personnel to mutual aid requests outside the city limits.

II. ASSISTING OTHER AGENCIES

It is policy of the Spartanburg Public Safety Department to provide support to other agencies. The agency requesting assistance shall provide information on location, staging area, and the type of assistance that they are requesting. Possible hazards or areas of danger will also be relayed. With this information, the Fire Division Chief or Assistant Chief will determine what units will be committed to the incident. The Fire Division's command staff will stay informed of the incident.

The Spartanburg Public Safety Department Fire Division has in place a Spartanburg County wide mutual aid contract as well as a State wide mutual aid contract.

II. MUTUAL AID RESPONSE PLAN

Minimum dispatch to a mutual aid will be given at the department's request. The assignment will include one engine company.

Fire companies will operate only within a recognized Incident Management System. The engine responding will report to the Incident Commander.

Fire companies will operate with intact crews. Crews and personnel will not be separated or fragmented about the incident scene.

A direct communication link must be established between the Incident Commander and the mutual aid companies. Mutual aid units will use every effort to support the Incident Commander in a positive manner while adhering to recognized safety requirements and the Incident Management System.

Command shall maintain a communications link with the Spartanburg Communications Center. The Communications Center will maintain the 20-minute status check.

Company officers will determine the safety of the building or situation, the Incident Commander's plan of attack, and will proceed only if it is determined safe to do so. If it is unsafe to proceed, fire companies will advise the Incident Commander of their concerns while adopting and maintaining a safe operating position or strategy.