

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES



GENERAL ORDER



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SUBJECT: Response Readiness

APPLICABILITY: All Personnel

POLICY:

Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (DFRS) personnel shall assure for a safe and rapid response to reported emergencies by maintaining apparatus, facilities and themselves in a state of readiness.

1 FACILITIES

- 1.1 The station radio system shall be in the un-muted mode from 0700 - 2100 hours daily.
 - 1.1.1 Station's radio may be muted to reduce interference during training classes, public education presentations, etc., for the duration of the program.
- 1.2 Radio problems shall be reported promptly, and pagers shall be utilized when alerting problems exist.
 - 1.2.1 The station officer shall contact Communications and request notification by phone when alerting problems exist and sufficient pagers are not available.
- 1.3 Apparatus position status boards shall be available and routinely used in each station. It shall be located where it is easily visible for all in-station operational personnel.

2 APPARATUS

- 2.1 Communications shall be kept informed of status changes of apparatus.
- 2.2 Apparatus available for CAD selection shall be kept in a state of readiness while in the station.
 - 2.2.1 An unobstructed exit shall be assured at all times for this apparatus.
- 2.3 Apparatus not available for CAD selection (secondary) shall be made available when a crew is in station.
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3 PERSONNEL

3.1 On-duty personnel shall be available for response at all times unless they are:

- 3.1.1 on a detail out of the area.
- 3.1.2 assigned to a special program.
- 3.1.3 directed by their immediate supervisor.

3.2 Personnel shall strive to respond, in a safe manner, within one minute.

3.3 Appropriate uniforms and personal protective equipment shall be donned prior to response.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph A. Herr".

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