

Hiawatha Fire & Rescue

Policy 608.A
Emergency Operations
Supplemental response
5/25/2001

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this procedure to provide a Uniform and Consistent procedure for supplemental response AND mutual aid response to Cedar Rapids.

SCOPE:

This procedure applies to responses into the city of Cedar Rapids.

BACKGROUND:

Supplemental Alarm Responses are defined as responses where equipment is automatically dispatched to an incident for the purpose of quickly placing apparatus on the scene. Although Supplemental Alarms are mutual aid responses, they are unique in that the dispatch is automatic, without the intervention of responding crews.

For purpose of this policy, Supplemental alarms are alarms where apparatus are automatically dispatched to an incident based on location and risk, rather than dispatch. Mutual aid alarms are specific request based on information received by responding crews.

APPLICATION:

Response To Cedar Rapids.

- 1) Cedar Rapids Fire Department has defined the following area as a supplemental alarm area:
 - a) West of Edgewood Rd. NE and North of the Cedar River. (Commonly referred to as 42nd St., Seminole Valley, Ushers Ferry, and Xavier)
 - b) North of Collins Rd. NE and Highway 100, West of Center Point Rd. NE (Commonly Referred to as North Twin Pines, 5 Seasons Trailer Ct., Wal Mart)
 - c) North of Blairs Ferry Rd. NE and West of Council St. NE (Commonly Referred to as Northbrook)
- 2) It is CRFD Policy that Hiawatha be dispatched to any 1st Alarm Assignment in this area. Dispatch is through CR Joint Communications via Alpha Page System. Upon dispatch, the following info will be given:
 - a) Location of the Call
 - b) Type of Call
 - c) Frequency to respond on
- 3) Upon receipt of a supplemental alarm, the following shall occur:
 - a) All personnel shall respond to the station. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE IS A DIRECT SCENE RESPONSE PERMITTED.
 - b) The first officer shall acknowledge the page on the assigned frequency on the 800 radio.
 - c) Later arriving crew shall notify Linn County of the response. HFD Shall maintain times form these responses.
 - d) Engine 285 shall respond with a minimum of 3, max of 4 persons.
 - e) All persons who respond shall be supplemental certified. A list of qualified Supplemental alarm person shall be established by the Chief.
 - f) Response shall be with lights and sirens. When responding to calls in CR, ALWAYS yield to CR Equipment at intersections. Do not attempt to "Beat them in"
 - g) Follow normal response procedures. If 1st in, Assume command and initiate action. If arriving later, stage and wait assignments.
 - h) When CR Arrives on the scene, transfer command to them when they are ready. In some circumstances, command transfer may wait until the arrival of a CR District Chief.
 - i) CR Utilizes a passport system. Provide the passport from your apparatus to the IC.

Responses to Hiawatha From CR

- 1) Hiawatha has assigned the following areas as Supplemental Response Areas.
 - a) All Large Apartment Complex's (1400/1440 Blairs Ferry, Robin Wood, Boyson Rd., North 18th.)
 - b) All Large Industrial Buildings
 - c) West of Edgewood and South of Blairs Ferry Rd. to Ushers Ferry.
 - d) A supplemental can be requested for any other response where needed.

Procedure:

- 1) Upon report of a structure fire (not to include automatic alarms) to one of these locations, the first responding engine or officer shall request a supplemental response from CR. The following procedure shall be followed.
 - a) Notify CR Direct via 800 radio.
 - b) Provide the Location and nature.
 - c) Request the specific equipment to respond. If requesting a Quint, also request an engine.
 - d) Request that CR Communications activate a "Patch" to county fire.
 - e) Take the 800 radio along in case of failure of "Patch".

General

- 1) Any difficulties shall be handled in by the officer at the scene first, then reported to the Chief immediately.
- 2) Under no circumstance, at any mutual aid call, is any member to make comments regarding the personnel or operation of another fire department.
- 3) Any firefighter creating or increasing a confrontation shall be subject to dismissal or disciplinary action.