

Standard Operating Guidelines

RETURNING COMPANIES TO SERVICE

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PURPOSE

To insure that fire companies and units are returned to available status as quickly as is possible after emergency operations have concluded.

POLICY

- A. After emergency operations are completed, fire companies and/or units shall endeavor to return to service quickly, becoming available as soon as is effectively and safely possible.
- B. Returning to available status after the conclusion of an emergency shall be considered a priority operation.

RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Incident Commanders are responsible for releasing fire companies and/or units as soon as is safely possible from the scene of emergencies, which have been brought under control.
- B. Company Officers are responsible for making their companies available and/or returning them to service as quickly as possible.

PROCEDURE

- A. All companies and/or units, which have been released from an emergency scene shall insure that they are sufficiently re-equipped and ready for response.
- B. Upon returning to quarters, fire companies and/or units shall endeavor to quickly and completely refuel, refill, re-equip, and re-supply their apparatus so as to be fully ready for the next alarm (Note: this shall be a priority operation.)
- C. Whenever fire companies and/or units are operating at an emergency scene, but are being held in an available status, they shall endeavor to remain in a condition of readiness, sufficiently equipped, and able to respond.

Approved:
District Chief
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Company Chief
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