

4.12 MABAS/AUTOMATIC/MUTUAL AID/STANDBY

Scope- This policy will provide the Department guidelines to follow for the response and staffing of our station in the event of automatic aid, mutual aid, or mutual aid box alarm from our station. For the purpose of this policy, the following terminology will be used:

MABAS-Mutual Aid Box Alarm System is set in place to dispatch pre-established resources to an incident when a MABAS Box Alarm is requested. Outagamie County is designated in the Wisconsin MABAS system as Division 127.

Automatic Aid- agreement is set in place to automatically dispatch (without requesting) pre-established resources into a designated response area for certain types of emergency responses. Our current agreements are with the Town of Clayton-Winchester Fire Department.

Mutual Aid - is initiated by a department under a pre-arranged agreement. It is intended to supplement a community's fire protection when that community has committed all of its fire resources to one or more fires and requires additional fire suppression personnel and equipment to handle that incident(s).

Standby - is initiated by a community under the mutual aid agreement and, it is used when the requesting community has committed all of its fire resources. The requesting community places another community on "standby" to respond should another alarm for fire be received in the effected community.

MABAS- When requested for MABAS, only the apparatus that is requested by that particular department's card to the level of their request shall respond.

Automatic/Mutual Aid- When requested for automatic/mutual aid by neighboring municipality the following should happen. The first unit of request that is staffed shall respond with at least the following amount of personnel:

Truck 5361, four(4) personnel; Truck 5371, four(4) personnel; Truck 5362, two (2) personnel; Truck 5321, four(4) personnel; Truck 5382, three (3) personnel

The balance of units should remain fully staffed in case we receive a call of our own or mutual aid makes an additional request of resources. The chief or officer in charge may make additional changes as they see fit to provide an efficient level of service.

Standby- On standby request, the following should happen. Truck 5361 should be staffed with six(6) and Truck 5371 with at least six(6) personnel . The chief or officer in charge shall make any adjustments they feel necessary.

Protection of the Town

At no time should there be less than one engine company in the Town unless the situation is a disaster of significant proportion. If, during mutual aid, the Town receives an alarm of fire, the remaining engine, and/or truck shall respond. If additional engines, trucks, or personnel are required, mutual aid should be requested. Town of Greenville personnel and equipment should not be recalled from other communities, unless they are no longer required.

Should mutual aid be implemented, all personnel are to be guided by the policy listed above for mutual aid requests.

Responsibility- It shall be the duty of the officer in charge to ensure that staffing levels are adequate at our station.

