



PURPOSE

To define the Department's automatic and mutual aid response with surrounding communities and to establish the terms under which one jurisdiction/entity provides resources to another jurisdiction/entity.

It is the responsibility of all Department personnel to follow the guidelines in this policy.

POLICY

Participating jurisdictions/entities shall adhere to the following:

1. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the NIMS Guideline for Mutual Aid
2. Incident Command System
3. Interoperability, communication frequencies and procedural consistency
4. Joint training exercises
5. Resource identification
6. Compliance with pertinent laws and ordinances

Mutual Aid

- Mutual Aid is an agreement between fire departments to help each other across jurisdictional boundaries.
- Mutual aid shall be provided after receiving a dispatch from 911, once the requesting jurisdiction, Incident Commander or mayor of the requesting city makes the request.
- The Mutual aid agreement shall be set forth in the Pope County Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Mutual aid may include regional or statewide assistance.

Automatic Aid

- Automatic Aid is a contractual agreement to send or receive resources automatically without incident-specific approvals or consideration of entity boundaries.
- Automatic Aid shall be provided automatically, without special request, utilizing the 911 CAD system, predetermined response areas and resources.
- Individual automatic aid agreements shall be in written form outlining response areas.

Approved

Fire Chief



RUSSELLVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
POLICY MANUAL

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Resource Allocation (RFD)

- The standard Automatic or Mutual Aid response shall be the closest responding Engine Company and a Battalion Chief.
- Aid may be provided by the closest engine company or specialized unit e.g., rescue, hazmat, technical, etc.
- Battalion Chief/or Acting Shift Commander shall response on all automatic or mutual aid calls
- Ladder 1 shall not respond outside the city limits unless approved by the Fire Chief or the Mayor of the City of Russellville. If an aerial is sent out of the city, Ladder 2 is the preferred apparatus to be dispatched.
- Additional engine companies in addition to the primary unit, shall not respond unless approved by the Fire Chief, his designee or the Mayor of the City of Russellville
- If the closest engine company is busy, the next available shall respond as determined by the CAD system or Battalion Chief.
- An Automatic and/or Mutual Aid response includes fire, rescue, hazmat, and other special operations.

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