

15.03 Scope

This document provides guidelines for the order of response and staffing for CTFD apparatus on dispatched calls for service both inside and outside Cumru Township.

15.031 Terms

Call for Service refers to a request for CTFD apparatus to respond or report for incidents or details by the Berks County Communications Center (BCCC) through voice or text paging systems or by direct two-way radio transmission.

Officer in Charge refers to any fire officer from any department who has assumed command of an incident to which CTFD apparatus have been dispatched.

Duty Officer refers to the CTFD officer assigned to cover calls for service within Cumru Township.

15.032 Special Calls by Fire Officers

Any special call(s) or instructions for CTFD apparatus to respond, hold at station, or relocate made by a CTFD officer or the Officer in Charge of an incident or detail in progress will supersede the guidelines set forth in this SOG.

15.033 Requested Unit(s) Only To Respond Initially

If the BCCC dispatch calls for specific CTFD unit(s) to fulfill a call for service, only the unit(s) requested during dispatch should respond to the call initially. Personnel not responding on the unit(s) requested should report to a CTFD station to staff any remaining CTFD apparatus.

15.034 INSIDE THE TOWNSHIP

15.034A All Structure & Brush Type Calls

Respond with the units that have been dispatched first.

All other units will stand-by at Station until you have minimum staffing, as shown in the tables that follow. At that point, you can respond **normal** flow.

First Priority: Suppression units*

Unit	Driver/Operator (D/O) & Interior	Exterior
E42	D/O & 2	1
E42-1	D/O & 2	1
ET42	D/O & 2	1
T42	D/O	1
T42-1	D/O	1
R42	D/O & 3 (Vehicle Rescue Qualified)	
TW42	D/O & 3 (Truck Qualified)	

**If no Driver/Operator for units above show-up within 5 minutes of dispatch then the second priority units can report.*

Second Priority: All other units

Unit	Personnel
U42	3
U42-1	3
B42	3

15.034B All AFA and Other Types of Calls:

Respond with the units that have been dispatched.

All other units will stand-by at Station unless specifically called by the OIC.
If a unit is staffed and standing-by, it should be placed as such with Berks.

15.035 OUTSIDE TOWNSHIP

15.035A All Types of Calls

Respond with the units that have been dispatched.

All other units will stand-by at Station unless specifically called by the OIC or a CTFD Officer on-scene or on CTFD apparatus already in route.
If a unit is staffed and standing-by, it should be placed as such with Berks.

15.036 Multiple Units from a Station

When multiple units from a CTFD station are dispatched on the same alarm assignment in an area outside Cumru Township, response order should be as follows:

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15.037 Station Dispatches

Some calls for service within Cumru Township are dispatched by station, rather than by individual unit. These calls for service generally require only one apparatus to respond, as shown in the table below. If available, the primary apparatus listed should be staffed and respond. If the primary apparatus is not available or no Driver/Operator is available for that unit after the completion of second dispatch, the secondary apparatus may be staffed and respond in its place.

Type of Call	Station 1		Station 2		Station 3	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
CO Alarm	R42	E42	E42-1	E42-2	TW42	ET42
Medical Assist	B42	R42	U42-1	E42-1	U42	ET42
Wires Down	B42	E42	U42-1	E42-1	U42	ET42
Trees Down	B42	R42	E42-2	U42-1	B42-2	B42-1
Pump Detail	E42	B42	E42-2	E42-1	TW42	U42

If secondary apparatus are utilized for these calls for service, any necessary equipment should be transferred from the primary apparatus before response. If a CTFD station is dispatched to cover any of these calls for service in another municipality, this response order should be followed, unless otherwise specified during dispatch by BCCC.