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PURPOSE

The following policy regulates the dispatch, response and use of Water Tender apparatus.

POLICY

Qualifications

Drivers/operators must have a certificate of completion in Water Tender operations before he or she may operate the Water Tender (see SOP 300.15).

Response

All company officers will use their discretion in calling for Water Tender assistance and should be alert to areas that will require the additional water carried on Water Tenders.

Company officers having a Water Tender assigned to their station can take the Water Tender with their Engine (but not in lieu of) when the Water Tender is needed due to limited water supply. This procedure is not intended to provide for the use of Water Tenders as two-piece companies where a water supply is readily available.

In addition to the above, a Water Tender may be special called to any incident where required. Command will specify either a Water Tender with driver only, or a full crew. When a full crew is requested, the assigned company will respond with the Water Tender plus their regular apparatus unless otherwise instructed. When a Water Tender is requested with a driver only, the Company officer is responsible to assign a qualified driver/operator.

If the company housed with the closest available Water Tender is not in quarters, Alarm will dispatch an available company to pick up the Water Tender and respond.

The Water Tender will always retain its home station identification regardless of the assigned crews.

For example: "Engine 193 responding with Water Tender (insert home station #)."

Personnel assigned to stations housing Water Tenders will maintain and service the Water Tenders in accordance with SOP 500.01. Companies assigned to respond with a

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Water Tender will service, clean and restore the apparatus to an acceptable standard condition of readiness upon completion of the incident.

Drivers/operators may be assigned to Water Tenders on constant manning basis during periods of heavy brush fire activity.

Special Considerations

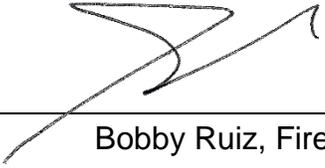
Water Tenders will respond code 2 at all times. The emergency lights will be used when approaching emergency scenes or when operating in areas where lights are needed for safety (e.g., filling tank from a hydrant, etc.).

Drivers/operators must use special caution when using unimproved roads surfaces, which include dirt, gravel, sand, or stone. The weight of the Water Tender magnifies the potential danger for these types of surfaces. Hazards of these surfaces include:

1. *Instability* may give way to the tankers weight
2. *Rough road surfaces* may cause steering and braking problems or cause mechanical failure
3. *Mud center crowns* can cause slippage or sink the tanker
4. *Reduced visibility*
5. *Reduce tire traction*

Caution and judgment must be used before attempting to utilize an unimproved road. The decision to drive off road must be made by the incident commander.

Approved:



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