Allegany County Box Alarm

Helpful Notes

- Units shall be single pulled on the Initial and Working Alarms utilizing the closest units and working further away. The only exception is for a tanker, which you can use a tanker and engine from same station or tanker and special service (i.e.: Truck, Tower, Ladder, Rescue, Squad, & Rescue-Engine). **If unit is 24 hour staffed can be double pulled**
- **Double Pulling is specific to units being dispatched to the fire ground!** ECC should not being using other units in the area as a transfer company, the transfer unit should be staffed with a minimum of 3 personnel as outlined in the minimum staffing policy. If a unit fails to respond ECC will use the next unit on the response index to fill the assignment.
  - The reason for single pulling units is to get staffed units on the road faster and not requiring delayed responses or units scratching due to not having enough staffing for 2 units from same station.
  - An EMS Unit is required on **ALL** Residential & Commercial Alarms with the exception of an Automatic Fire Alarm. You **DO NOT** need to list a specific department or unit on your box card, the CAD team will enter the 1st due EMS unit for the box area.
  - Examples:
    - House Fire Box 20-1 - 4 Engines, 2 Special Services, 1 EMS: Engines 20, 18, 19, 17, Squad 22, Truck 16, EMS 55
    - Building Fire Downgraded Box 16-1 (No Hydrants)- 3 Engines, 2 Special Services, 2 Tankers, 1 EMS: Engines 17, 15, 18, Truck 16, Tower 2, Tankers 80, 18, EMS 51
    - *If dispatched on a downgraded assignment and you mark on scene with a working fire requesting the working assignment ECC will dispatch the Building and/or House Fire assignment and the working fire dispatch.*
    - *For limited access areas that are identified as a separate box or specific streets in your area, in addition to the House Fire Assignment will also get 4 Brush or Mini-Pumpers added to assignment.*
- Local Alarms must have a unit listed, not just listed as a company. *(i.e. if something is on fire must list something that carries water and a pump.)*
- All transfers will be handled by Emergency Communication Center (ECC) supervisor, so an area is not without coverage. This is to eliminate the need for each department to request a fill company to cover their area.
- There is no longer a need to list a RIT company on the card, it will be at the incident commander's discretion to assign RIT to one of the units on scene. (i.e.: 4th Engine, or 1st Special Service).
- Upon going to working alarm, ECC will prompt the incident commander the need for Rehab Unit, Red Cross, Utilities to be notified, and Fire Marshal. The incident commander will advise what they need at the scene.
- Vehicle Crashes
  - Examples:
    - Crash without entrapment: 1 Engine, 1 Rescue, 1 Ambulance
    - Crash without entrapment: 1 Engine-Rescue or Rescue-Engine, 1 Ambulance
    - Units arrive on scene or while enroute call is upgraded to crash with entrapment. ECC will add 1 Rescue, 1 Ambulance, 1 EMS Supervisor
  - Crash with Entrapment
    - 1 Engine, 2 Rescues – (made up of 2 of any of the following Rescue, Rescue-Engine), 2 Ambulances, 1 EMS Supervisor
    - 1 Engine, 1 Rescue, 1 Rescue-Engine, 2 Ambulances, 1 EMS Supervisor
    - 1 Engine-Rescue, 1 Rescue-Engine, 2 Ambulances, 1 EMS Supervisor
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- Should you have any questions or need help completing your box alarms feel free to give Bobby Ritchie a call @ 301-707-5009.