



## Allegany County Emergency Services Board Policies and Standards

**Subject: Apparatus Staffing Policy**

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**Approved:** W. Shum M., **Emergency Services Board Chair**

1. Purpose: Define minimum fire apparatus staffing for each unit type in their response within Allegany County.
2. Scope: This policy will govern all fire apparatus response in Allegany County.
3. Definitions:
  - a. Engine, Engine-Rescue, and Engine-Tanker staffing: 3 personnel to include 2 trained firefighters and a driver/operator.
  - b. Tanker staffing: 1 person; driver/operator.
  - c. Squad and Rescue-Engine staffing: 3 personnel to include 2 trained firefighters and a driver/operator.
  - d. Truck, Tower, Ladder, and Quint staffing: 3 personnel to include 2 trained firefighters and a driver/operator.
  - e. Under staffed: An apparatus responding with personnel below the minimum staffing level.
  - f. Minimum staffing: The minimum number of personnel necessary to perform a task assigned to that piece of apparatus.
4. Policy:
  - a. Each responding apparatus will advise the dispatch center if they are under staffed. (i.e. "Engine 6-2 responding under staffed", this would signify that Engine 6-2 has a driver/operator and 1 or less trained firefighters).
  - b. In the event that an apparatus goes responding under staffed, the dispatch center will verify with incident command to fill the understaffed apparatus position with an additional unit of the same type. If Command has not been established, the dispatch center will automatically fill the under staffed unit with the same type of unit.

- c. Each responding apparatus will advise on the operation channel their staffing level for the incident commander to track on command board and accountability. (i.e. "Engine-Rescue 201 responding with 6 and 4 on 6-1.) The first number is your total number on apparatus and the second number is total interior firefighters.