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	Subject: Response to Alarms		
	Section: Deployment and Safety		
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Intent

The intent of this SOG is to establish procedures for response to alarms to include which units should respond and in the response mode per unit per call.

References

National Fire Protection Association 1710 Standard for Delivery of Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments

Mutual Aid Agreement with Fargo Fire Department, signed and executed August 2020

Mutual Aid Agreement with Cass County Rural Fire and Rescue Association, signed and executed September 2020

North Dakota Century Code Chapter 39, Section 10-3

Definitions

1st Alarm – a call type that has two ladders, two engines, and battalion chief assigned

Single Engine Alarm – a call type that has a single resource assigned

Station Manning Callback – callback requested to cover the stations for additional calls

Working Fire Callback – callback that summons all off-duty staff

Mutual Aid Alarms – after a working fire is declared, a mutual aid alarm assigns additional units to the scene and to cover the city. Extra alarms begin at the 2nd alarm and range to the 5th alarm.

Automatic Aid Alarm – a pre-designed assignment of companies from other jurisdictions to a call within the city

Guideline

1. Red River Regional Dispatch Center (RRRDC) will dispatch units to calls for service throughout the six planning zones in West Fargo. Units assigned will vary depending on:
 - a. Units already assigned to other calls for service
 - b. Location of resources throughout the city
 - c. Type and location of call for service

2. Single resource call types include
 - a. Emergency medical calls for service
 - b. Vehicle fires
 - c. Trash/outside fires

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- d. Motor Vehicle Collisions without injury
 - i. Fluids leaking
 - e. Motor Vehicle Collisions with injury
 - f. Automatic fire alarm activations
 - g. Carbon monoxide alarms
 - i. No illness or medical complaints
3. First alarm resource call types include
- a. Motor vehicle collisions with injury
 - b. Brush fires
 - c. Structure fires
 - d. Hazmat
 - i. Includes carbon monoxide alarms with illness/medical complaints
 - e. Technical Rescue
 - f. Active Assailant/Mass Casualty Incidents
4. Employees responding to the stations shall utilize caution while operating their personally owned vehicles. Operation is dictated by North Dakota Century Code Chapter 39 Section 10-3 (see Policy 108 - Operation of Motor Vehicles). At no time shall any member of the department violate North Dakota Century Code while operating either their own vehicle or departmental vehicles in response to an alarm. West Fargo Fire Department employees are not permitted to operate blue lights on personally owned vehicles at any time.
- a. After safely arriving at the station, members will park in a manner that does not preclude apparatus from leaving the station in a timely manner, does not adversely affect neighboring properties or businesses and does not block the flow of traffic on the streets surrounding the station.

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