

SOUTH PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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1. **PURPOSE:** The South Portland Fire Department provides Automatic & Mutual Aid to the Cumberland County Task Force & Strike Teams, the City of Portland, the Town of Scarborough, and the Town of Cape Elizabeth as well as the statewide mutual aid pact.
2. **PROCEDURES:** The following list indicates the **minimum** number of resources that should remain available to the City of South Portland: *Noted exceptions are Jetport Boxes.*
 - Three (3) Engines
 - One (1) Ladder
 - One (1) Rescue

The SPFD Duty Chief has the authority to exceed this limit, particularly if resources are requested to a scene.

The Communication Center's CAD system will dictate the specific units that will be deployed. The SPFD Duty Chief should be contacted for any deviations from CAD responses.

STAFFING

During the days when we are at 11, the following will happen:

- Portland 3rd alarm: E-408 will take 1 firefighter from A-401 and proceed to Portland. The remaining firefighter will take A-401 to Cash Corner and take 1 firefighter from L-405. Willard is activated for L-402 and additional members will staff E-402. E-406 will be staffed and assist L-405 while units are in Portland.
- Cape Elizabeth: If Cape Elizabeth requests a direct response to the scene E-408 & A-401 will respond together.
- Scarborough: If Scarborough requests a direct response to the scene L-405 will respond and L-402 will be activated to cover the city.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY STRIKE TEAMS/TASK FORCES

The Cumberland County Strike Teams are activated through the Portland Communications Center. The South Portland Fire Department will provide available units as outlined in CAD to any request made through the Cumberland County Task Force/ Strike Teams.

When the City of South Portland requires the Cumberland County Strike Team(s) they will notify the Communications Center with the number of, and types of units needed (i.e. strike team of ambulances)

AUTOMATIC AID ASSIGNMENTS

City of Portland, ME

- **Portland International Airport (Box-7245 Small Box)** – The South Portland Fire Department responds to aircraft distress calls for this location with a Squad, Engine, and Ambulance.
- **Portland International Airport (Box-7244 Big Box)** – The South Portland Fire Department responds to aircraft distress calls for this location with a Squad, Quint, 3 Engines, and 2 Ambulances.

Town of Cape Elizabeth

- **First Alarm District (Box-81)** – The South Portland Fire Department responds to 1st alarm assignments in the Cape Cottage District with an Engine and responds to 1st alarms assignments to certain high risk locations with an Engine and Ladder.

MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENTS

City of Portland, ME

- **Third Alarm Incident Coverage (Box-8)** – The South Portland Fire Department assigns an Engine & Ladder to the City of Portland on a third alarm incidents in their city.

Town of Cape Elizabeth

- **Second Alarm Incident Coverage (Box-83)** – The South Portland Fire Department assigns an Engine and Ladder to the Town of Cape Elizabeth on 2nd alarm incidents in their town.

Town of Scarborough

- **Second Alarm Incident Coverage (Box-8)** – The South Portland Fire Department assigns an Engine and Quint to the Town of Scarborough on 2nd alarm incidents in their Town.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALLS

The South Portland Fire Department will dispatch EMS units as requested to the City of Portland, Town of Scarborough & Town of Cape Elizabeth, and in return these communities will dispatch units when our EMS units are not available.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS & SPECIAL OPERATIONS INCIDENTS

- The South Portland Fire Department as part of the statewide mutual aid agreement will assign special resources to respond as needed.
- South Portland Fire Department is a Type 1 Regional Response Team and may deploy as little as a “Go Team” up to a full hazmat response to a Hazmat/WMD event.
 - Refer to SPFD SOG regarding out of town assignments.

- The South Portland Fire Department maintains a large stock of Class B foam both AFFF and AR-AFFF on both apparatus and trailers that can respond to a flammable/combustible liquid event.
- Additionally E-402 and E-406 are foam pumpers that carry 500 gallons of foam concentrate onboard.
- In the event of a Petroleum Response the following options should be looked at:
 - Chief-401 (or other Chief Officer) will respond to the scene to survey and determine resources needed. Our job is foam application and technical assistance.
 - Depending on nature of call E-408, L-405 or E-402 may be assigned directly to the scene.
 - The Prime mover will be deployed to either pick up our trailer (990 gallons AFFF) at Cash Corner or respond to one of the Oil Companies to get an AR-AFFF trailer (825 gallons AR-AFFF).
 - Coverage for the City will be determined by what equipment responds to the scene.
- The South Portland Fire Department has a Squad/Heavy Rescue that can respond to entrapments/extrications, high angle rescues, and confined space emergencies.

3. REFERENCES:

- SPFD Bulletin 2010-07
- SPFD Memo 5-14-2008

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