

605 APPARATUS RESPONSE LEVELS

PURPOSE:

To outline:

1. The minimum apparatus response levels for the Florence Township Fire Department.
2. The minimum manpower response levels for the Florence Township Fire Department.

SCOPE:

All fire stations within the Florence Township Fire Department shall adhere to this standard.

POLICY:

At the time of alarm Companies shall respond following company response Sop's with apparatus no less than one class "A" engine or aerial piece. Exception: The cascade unit may respond before ladder 4035 provided that a qualified driver for the ladder is not available and the crew has waited until the second dispatch.

A minimum of two (2) SCBA qualified members (not including drivers) shall respond with any engine and/or ladder.

(A driver of an apparatus may respond with a crew below the above minimum standard provided that the apparatus in question is not the first or only one on radio and the driver must relay by radio to Central Communications or to the Incident Commander that the apparatus is responding with a reduced crew).

On any out of town response of the Florence Township Fire Department the above manpower will be increased to a minimum of two (2) SCBA qualified members (not including drivers) for an engine response and a minimum of three (3) SCBA qualified members (not including drivers) for a ladder response.

There must remain at least two (2) class A PUMPERS in town during any mutual aid response. The highest officer on location at the station being requested, or in their absence the driver, shall be responsible to ensure that the Florence Township Fire Department minimums are complied with.

(For the above requirement the aerial apparatus 4035 can be counted as a class A pumper).

Class "A" engines are defined for Fire Department purposes, as apparatus with a minimum 750 gallon water tank and a 1000 GPM pump or larger. Exceptions on tank size are only applicable to aerial apparatus.