CARVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guidelines

Section 4.05 - Storm Standby **June 15, 2013**

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to eliminate putting Firefighters and Officers on the road unnecessarily, while the Stations are staffed during Storm Standby's.

1.2 SCOPE

This Storm Standby Policy will be adhered to when the Fire Stations are staffed for winter storms.

1.3 PROCEDURE

01. Per the request of a Chief Fire Officer or designee, the Fire Stations will be staffed during significant storm periods. The number of Firefighters staffing at each Station will be coordinated by the Chief Officers or their designee.

02. Once the Stations are staffed, each Station will communicate with Fire Alarm that they are manned and with how many personnel. **Example: "Station 3 to Fire Alarm", "Fire Alarm", "Station 3 manned, 3 and 1."**

1.4 DISPATCH

01. First Fire Incident for a District or Districts

The Fire Dispatcher will call the appropriate Station by radio, (**not activating the Home Receiver Tone or Station Tone**) making them aware of the call, location, etc, exactly as you would normally do, just without toning it out. **Example: "Fire Alarm to Station 1", "Station 1", "Wires down call, 15 South Meadow Road", "Station 1 has the call." Engine 1 will then sign on as normal.**

02. Second Incident for a District or Districts
(Providing the on duty Company is OUT OF SERVICE)

The Fire Dispatcher should tone out the call as you would normally do, including any additional Companies per your response guidelines. This should bring a normal response of Firefighters and Officers to the Station for a second incident.

03. Second Incident for a District or Districts
(Providing the on duty Company is IN-SERVICE)

The Fire Dispatcher should call the in-service Engine Company of that district by radio **(No Tone),** making them aware of the second call. The Officer of that apparatus will advise the Dispatcher if they can handle the call, or if another staffed Station should be dispatched.

04. This policy **should not** be used for any incident, per your Dispatch Guidelines, that require a 2 or 3 Company response (Structure Fires, Chimney Fires, Water Rescues, MVA's with Entrapment, etc.). The **only exception** should be during daytime hours (6:00 am – 6:00 pm, normal 2 Company responses). During this time period for Storm Standby's, a single Company response as outlined above **without Tone** is appropriate.