CARVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guidelines

Section 3.16 – Mutual Aid Apparatus Response **June 15, 2013**

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to assure that fire personnel and apparatus respond appropriately for Mutual Aid Apparatus Requests.

1.2 GENERAL

Carver Fire apparatus requested to respond on a mutual aid assignment to a neighboring community shall respond as follows:

Apparatus requested to respond on Station Cover assignments shall respond utilizing Emergency Warning Lights and limited siren usage. The Officer will have complete discretion to change response manner depending on traffic conditions.

Apparatus requested to respond Directly to an Emergency Incident on a Mutual Aid request shall respond utilizing Emergency Warning Lights and Siren until on scene. The Officer will have complete discretion to change response manner depending on traffic conditions.

At the Officers discretion, the response may be downgraded to a "Code C" response based on on scene information, traffic conditions and potential safety hazards. "Code C" indicates that based on information received from the scene of an incident, that a response at reduced speed is in effect for units responding. Apparatus will discontinue the use of **warning devices (no lights / no siren)**, reduce speed, **drive with traffic** and continue to the location of the incident. Privately owned vehicles will discontinue the use of red lights. All units will keep alert for any further radio communications, which could upgrade the response.

1.3 PROCEDURE

During the emergency response, an incident may be upgraded at any time by a unit at the scene and Fire Alarm shall make the announcement terminating the "Code C" response when requested to do so from the scene.

1.4 SAFETY

The change to the policy has been enacted in order to help reduce the possibility of accidents and injuries to both members of our Department and the general public. If you have any questions or comments please stop in.