CARVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guidelines

Section 4.17 – Response Zones **June 15, 2013**

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to establish a policy for assuring that Officers and Firefighters, when available, are used most effectively and efficiently in the initial response to emergencies.

1.1 SCOPE

This guidelines applies to all Active members of the Carver Fire Department

1.2 OVERVIEW

In order to ensure a Firefighter professional is on scene within minutes to help a person in need, each Officer and Firefighter will be assigned a designated area, or Response Zone, from which they will respond directly to any emergency call.

01. The Response Zone area is approximately ½ mile around their home. Attached is the latest response zones for all Carver Firefighters

02. The exact response zones for each Firefighters will be decided and implement by their respective Company Officers.

03. In most cases, their response zone will also include and area to which if they must respond by the Incident in question, while headed to their station, they should stop at the Incident, even if outside their ½ mile radius.

04. It may be immediately determined, if a number of firefighters have responded directly to the scene, one or more may need to promptly continue their response to the station in order to respond with appropriate apparatus.

05. All Firefighters not within a specific response zone associated with the Incident, shall respond to their corresponding station, provided their station has been activated.

06. Firefighters shall respond in an appropriate response manner. See S**OG 3.11** – Personally Operated Vehicles.

07. Officers / Firefighters that respond direct shall be in full PPE, utilize the Incident Command system, assist the homeowner, evaluate Life Safety, initiate Incident Stabilization and Property Conservation.

08. First arriving Firefighters/Officer on scene, if they have a portable radio, should take Command, give a brief accurate size up report and issue orders to the first arriving company.

09. First arriving Firefighters/Officer on scene, if they do not have a portable, they may call into Fire Dispatch with pertinent information, but shall not take command or issue orders via telephone.