CARVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guidelines

Section 4.10 - Car 2 **June 15, 2013**

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to establish a policy for use of Car 3 as a guide car for mutual aid apparatus that is responding to secondary emergency calls in Carver.

1.1 SCOPE

All second emergencies in Carver that mutual aid apparatus might respond to

1.2 PROCEDURE

01. Car 2 should respond out of Station 3 to Central Station for coverage on all reported Structure Fires in town. (Please see Station 3 Apparatus Response Guidelines). **Car 2 should respond AFTER all appropriate Station 3 apparatus has responded to the incident.**

02. The intent is to use Car 2 as a command / guide vehicle in town when Carver Fire Department companies are committed to a structure fire. Car 2 should be staffed with a minimum of (1) Firefighter and (1) Officer, staged at Station One. Car 2 will respond on all subsequent calls whether with Carver Fire Department or Mutual Aid coverage apparatus. The Officers at Station 3 will review this response change with their firefighters. Car 2 does not have to respond to Central Station with an officer on board, but the first free Officer, not committed to the fire scene, should respond to Central Station to staff Car 2 and take responsibility for town coverage.

03. Once at Central Car 2 should be staffed with a minimum of a one Firefighter (Chauffer/Driver) and an Officer.

04. This should require no action / burden to dispatchers, as Station 3 will ensure the response is automatic on a Structure Fire.

1.2 DISPATCH PROCEDURE

When a Fire Dispatcher has manned the Carver Fire Department Communications Center and relieved the Public Safety Dispatcher of Fire radio communications, I request that the Mutual Aid channel assigned by Plymouth County Control on our working fire declaration be relayed by our Dispatcher to any Mutual Aid coverage apparatus as well as Car2, to be utilized on any incidents that they respond to while covering in the Town of Carver. If the Mutual Aid Company is responding to the fire scene, they should remain on our Carver Fire frequency unless directed otherwise. When the Mutual Aid company signs on that they are responding to our town, it will be the Fire Dispatchers responsibility to notify that Mutual Aid Company what frequency they are utilizing (Carver Fire or a Mutual Aid Frequency #1, 2, 3, 5, or 6). The intent here is to free up communication space by having the main fire incent operate on the Carver Fire Frequency and any other incidents that occur in town operate on the assigned mutual aid frequency, thus keeping communications clear and separate.

As an example: "Carver Fire Alarm to Plymouth County Control, be advised we have a working fire in our District 3, and request a coverage Engine to our Central Station". Plymouth County would assign a Mutual Aid Frequency for us to utilize and dispatch a Wareham Engine to our Station 1 for Coverage. "Plymouth County Control to Carver Fire, Mutual Aid Channel 2 has been assigned and Wareham Engine 1 is responding to your Station 1 for coverage". Wareham Engine 1 would then sign on to Carver Fire that they are responding. "10 – 4 Wareham Engine 1, you are responding to our Station 1 for coverage and will utilize Mutual Aid Channel 2 as your coverage channel". If Wareham Engine 1 was requested to the fire scene, then you would advise Wareham Engine 1 that they will be utilizing Carver Fire as the fire ground frequency.

For the time being the assignment of the Mutual Aid Frequency for in town coverage will only be assigned by and when a dedicated Fire Dispatcher has staffed Fire Dispatch at Station 1. The reason being that the Public Safety Dispatch console has not been programmed with the Mutual Aid Fire frequencies and I do not want to overload the Public Safety Dispatcher with another frequency to monitor. This may change in the future, but we will walk before we run.