



GENERAL ORDER

Department of Fire and EMS

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Subject: Rapid Intervention Engine

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In the near future, we will bring the ECC on board with the new practice of designating our fourth **DUE** Engine as Rapid Intervention.

This new practice is straightforward: When CAD pulls the running assignment, the fourth engine listed will be the Rapid Intervention Engine. The ECC dispatcher will verbalize during dispatch and confirm the response of the Rapid Intervention Engine.

Example Initial Dispatch:

ECC: "Box Alarm 3-1 E1, E2, E3, E4 as Rapid Intervention, E5..."

When the fourth-due engine responds:

E4: "E4 responding with 2."

ECC: "E4, you are assigned as RIT. Acknowledge."

E4: "E4 acknowledges RIT."

ECC shall then notify the responding Chief Officer or Command on the tactical channel:

"Carroll to BC101 (or Command), E4 is responding with 2 personnel and is assigned as RIT."

If the fourth-due engine has not responded, ECC shall advise:

"Carroll to BC101 (or Command), the assigned RIT engine has not responded."

The ECC responsibilities related to Rapid Intervention end with this notification. If the assigned Rapid Intervention engine is a mutual aid company, fails to respond, only has two personnel, or a replacement RIT assignment is needed, those decisions shall be managed by the Incident Commander. The ECC is not responsible for assigning, tracking, or managing the Rapid Intervention Engine beyond the initial dispatch notification.

Incident Commanders will not alter the assignment of the 4th due, Rapid Intervention Engine without just cause.