



GENERAL ORDER

Department of Fire and EMS

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Subject: Driver Only Responses – Engine, Trucks & Rescue Squads

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The Carroll County Department of Fire & EMS will discontinue the practice of driver-only responses for Engines, Trucks, and Rescue Squads when responding outside of their first-due response areas.

The only exception to this policy shall be an Engine assigned as the first-due engine to an incident located in a neighboring first-due area.

This change is intended to improve operational safety, promote consistent response practices across the department, and ensure apparatus respond with staffing capable of effectively performing assigned SOP tactical functions upon arrival.

Note: The term Engine, Truck & Rescue Squad encompasses Rescue Engines, Ladders, and Towers.