



# PRINCE GEORGE FIRE AND EMS

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## **I. Policy**

Prince George Fire and EMS is committed to providing the best level of service possible when summonsed to an emergency. The dedication of each member to handle emergencies proficiently is one of many ways the organization achieves the level of service it provides. Prince George Fire and EMS will continue to provide an all hazards response system utilizing all of our resources to the best of our capabilities.

## **II. Purpose**

This procedure does not replace our current response system but enhances it by ensuring our emergency responders have enough trained, qualified personnel to help them meet the needs of the incident.

## **III. Scope**

- A. This procedure provides guidance for personnel assigned to stations 4, 5, 6, and 8 for a shift that are in a staffed or cross staffed mode.
- B. This procedure applies to all priority 1 fire incidents.

## **IV. Definitions**

- A. **Staffed Mode** - Two or more trained qualified personnel that are both capable of entering an IDLH environment, one of which is a cleared driver/operator for the apparatus being deployed. The two personnel are dedicated to that apparatus and responsible for the safe, effective deployment and operations. One of the personnel shall be the officer in charge of the apparatus and personnel.
- B. **Cross Staffed Mode** - Two or more trained qualified personnel that are both capable of entering an IDLH environment, one of which is a cleared driver/operator for the apparatus being deployed. Both members will be responsible for deploying the most appropriate apparatus for the call type being dispatched. One of the personnel shall be the officer in charge of the apparatus and personnel and will indicate which apparatus is being deployed and which apparatus will be unstaffed.
- C. **Unstaffed** - The designation given to apparatus at a station that do not have the minimum number of trained, qualified personnel to deploy the apparatus to an emergency.



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## V. Procedure

### A. Apparatus/Stations Involved:

1. Cross staffed units:

(i) Station 4	9am-9pm	Medic 4 and Engine 42
(ii) Station 5	24/7	Medic 5 and Engine 5
(iii) Station 6	24/7	Medic 6 and Quint 3
(iv) Station 8	24/7	Medic 8 and Engine 8

2. Staffed units:

(i) Station 8	9am-5pm Monday - Friday	Engine 8
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### B. Cross staffing/dual function deployment:

1. When an emergency incident meeting the identified criteria is dispatched requiring fire suppression apparatus to respond, the closest station that is cross staffed will mark the medic unit at that station "unstaffed, dual function" and deploy the Engine/Quint on all call types.
2. When an emergency incident meeting the identified criteria is dispatched requiring fire suppression apparatus and an EMS transport unit to respond, the closest station that is cross staffed will mark the medic unit at that station "unstaffed, dual function" and deploy the Engine/Quint. The next closest medic unit in service will respond. If the ECC has not already done so, the shift supervisor or officer in charge of the cross staffed apparatus may prompt the ECC to initiate the dispatch.
3. When cross staffed personnel have deployed an Engine/Quint consideration shall be given to bring the unstaffed medic unit to the emergency incident in accordance with company specific apparatus deployment SOP's. If disregarded while enroute, they may remain out of service by acknowledging the order and notifying the ECC that the unit will remain out of service. Volunteers on the unit that are capable of handling an EMS call in accordance with state and local requirements may choose to remain in service to handle additional EMS calls, if able.



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4. If adequate resources have arrived at the emergency incident and the incident has been declared under control by the incident commander, the incident commander may elect to disregard the cross staffed Engine.

## **C. Staffed Deployment:**

1. Engine 8 will respond in the designated areas of Company 1, 2, and 4 on all calls for service that involve an Engine to respond.
2. When Engine 8 deploys on a priority 2 or priority 3 calls and the initial company alerted deploys the appropriate apparatus with two or more trained, qualified personnel to enter an IDLH atmosphere, communication should take place between the two units an Engine 8 may down grade based on the call type.
3. When Medic 8 is deployed during the staffed period, the officer in charge will ensure that Medic 8-2 is marked on-duty and staffed. The personnel will be operating in the cross staffed/dual function mode.
4. If adequate resources have arrived at the emergency incident and the incident has been declared under control by the incident commander, the Incident Commander may elect to disregard the staffed Engine.