

Lincoln County Fire and Rescue Association

Standard Operating Guideline (SOG)

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Title: Move-up coverage (fire service only)

Purpose: When the opportunity exists that a fire district is vacant because of incident or staffing issues, the following minimum requirements shall ensure that adequate fire protection can be administered by a fire department that is offering assistance in protecting the district.

Activation: The Incident Commander, ranking officer or their designee shall notify Lincoln County Communications that their district will need coverage from another department. *This may be completed by calling for additional alarms as per SOG Number 207 (Working Fire Additional Alarm SOG).* The assisting department will not be selected from Communications and remains the decision of the requesting department. *Response to cover another district shall be non-emergency traffic unless a call for service is pending.*

Apparatus Requirements: The minimums described below are to ensure that an adequate fire attack and life saving intervention can be initiated.

- Complete structural PPE including SCBA for all occupants.
- Booster tank size: at least 750 gallons
- Fire Pump Rating: at least 1000 gpm
- Two, 200' 1 1/4" attack lines
- One, 200' 2 1/2" attack line
- One, master stream device capable of 1000 gpm
- 800' of 4" or 5" supply hose

Staffing Requirements: These minimums shall promote safety and efficiency to initiate a task upon the arrival of a scene.

- Minimum of 1 Officer
- Minimum of 1 qualified apparatus operator
- Up to 2 skilled firefighters. Probationary members shall not respond to any auto aid or mutual aid calls.
- In the event that a 4-person cab apparatus is not available, then 2 members may follow in a single support vehicle or POV.
- A minimum of a qualified firefighter from the host department is encouraged to assist the move-up department with territory, water sources etc.

Response Documentation: Any incidents or calls for service while filling in for another department shall be documented for the host department and a copy returned with the visiting fire department for processing. The only exception to this is when the responsibility is accepted by an officer that is on-scene from the host department

Special Notes: If resources are not available by department that was requested the move shall be denied and advise department that made the request that resources are not available.

Responding Mutual Aid departments should not commit enough resources to an incident to where the mutual aid department needs move-up coverage, except in extraordinary cases.

Fire Chief's should try to avoid stripping one particular area.

Departments should coordinate with the move-up department to provide:

- a. *Access to the fire station.*
- b. *Road map of the covered district.*
- c. *Any critical information for response in that district.*
- d. *Appropriate communications equipment.*
- e. *Try to provide one member of that district to assist the move up department.*