



<b>Wintergreen Fire and Rescue Standard Administrative Policy</b>	
Subject:	Augusta County Mutual Aid
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**Purpose:**

To provide a clear and concise understanding of the response procedures for mutual aid calls in Augusta County.

**Policy:**

When a call is received, the appropriate apparatus and personnel shall immediately respond following SOG 04-001 (Radio Procedures). **The first out piece shall not wait for volunteers no matter the nature of the call.**

Radio traffic from response vehicles will be kept on WTG 4 unless they are the only unit responding to the call. Examples: first response or ALS assists.

*Fire Incidents:* Only the apparatus requested will respond with two career persons and any immediately available volunteers.

*Rescue Incidents:* Only the apparatus requested will respond with two career personnel or any immediately available volunteer(s). If admin staff are available, they may complete the initial ambulance crew. Upon arrival of the volunteer, the 2<sup>nd</sup> provider may return in the response vehicle, when applicable. When two career providers are responding it shall be communicated via radio to activate a station transfer.

Volunteers will respond using a quick response vehicle and go directly to the scene, when appropriate.

Minimum staffing does apply to these calls. If at minimum staffing, the shift Captain will notify Wintergreen Dispatch to refuse the call.

Augusta County places both a Fire Department and a Rescue Squad on cardiac arrest calls. They place an ambulance on all structure fire calls. Wintergreen does not have adequate staff depth to handle these types of response. In each of these examples, two staff need to ride out on either an ambulance or a fire truck. The Captain should decide which of the two disciplines are least important on the assignment and request that Augusta ECC add a second-due unit for the call. For example, "Augusta ECC, Engine 61 is responding to the structure fire on Love Road, please place second-due on the

ambulance assignment". This does not apply to motor vehicle crashes. Historically we can handle MVCs with just one person on the Engine. If for any reason responding crews believe additional help could be required, the request for assistance should be made.