



Wintergreen Fire and Rescue Standard Administrative Policy	
Subject:	Nelson County Mutual Aid
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Purpose:

To provide a clear and concise understanding of the response procedures for mutual aid fire/rescue calls in Nelson County.

Policy:

When a call is received, the appropriate apparatus shall respond following SOG 04-001 (Radio Procedures).

Wintergreen Rescue Squad will follow the Designated Emergency Response Agency (DERA) Mutual Aid Agreement set forth by Nelson County with all-neighboring counties.

12VAC5-31-610. Designated Emergency Response Agency Standards.

A. A designated emergency response agency shall develop or participate in a written local EMS response plan that addresses the following items:

1. The designated emergency response agency shall develop and maintain, in coordination with their locality, a written plan to provide 24-hour coverage of the agency's primary service area with the available personnel to achieve the approved responding interval standard.

2. A designated emergency response agency shall conform to the local responding interval, or in the absence of a local standard the EMS agency shall develop a standard in conjunction with OMD and local government in the best interests of the patient and the community. The EMS agency shall use the response time standard to establish a time frame the EMS agency complies with on a 90% basis within its primary service area (i.e., a time frame in which the EMS agency can arrive at the scene of a medical emergency in 90% or greater of all calls).

Fire Calls:

The apparatus requested will respond with two career personnel and any available volunteers, except for MVC's (one career person may respond). Volunteers arriving later or already at the station may take a response vehicle, when applicable. All responses shall be in accordance with the department response matrix. **Self-dispatching will not be allowed by ANY Wintergreen Fire crew.**

Rescue Calls:

For BLS level calls, the ambulance will mark “standing by for the remainder of the crew” and will respond once the volunteer driver has arrived at the station. For ALS level calls, two providers may respond immediately, the responding unit shall state over the radio, “driver responding, go direct to scene” or direct them to a rendezvous location. The goal is to have an ALS compliant truck. All providers should be familiar with their driver’s level of training and should wait for the EMT or higher-level drivers on non-critical calls. All responses shall be in accordance with the department response matrix. **Self-dispatching will not be allowed by ANY Wintergreen Rescue or Nelson EMS crew.**

Each member should follow 01-007 Staffing, for the need to transfer staffing between stations.