

# GRAND RAPIDS FIRE DEPARTMENT

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE

TITLE: RESPONCE TO EMERGENCIES – FD301	SERIES: 300
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### **301.01 PURPOSE AND GENERAL POLICY**

It is the purpose response and general policy of the Department to provide the quickest and safest response to any emergency which requires department assistance. Efficiency and safety at the scene is as critical as response time to the scene.

### **301.02 RESPONDING TO A CALL FOR SERVICE**

All member of the department responding to the call for service for the fire department will report directly to the station except under the following conditions:

- A. If a chief officer has or is using a department vehicle and has his/her PPE
- B. If a chief officer has been granted authority by the fire chief under the direction of the town board to use his/her POV to respond directly to the scene with PPE and he/she meets and follows all requirements outlined in Policy FD302
- C. If an MFR is signed up for call (on duty) can respond directly to the scene with PPE and he/she meets and follows all requirements outlined in Policy FD302

### **301.03 DISPATCHED UNITS**

Member(s) dispatched to an emergency call must focus all of his/her attention on resolving the situation.

- A. Response time is of critical importance but the responding members and units must insured that they arrive at the scene in a safe manner. This is accomplished by having the Chief, Assistant Chief(s), or MFR(s) on duty respond directly to the scene.
- B. It is the general policy of the department to have the Chief and or

Assistant Chief goes in service and responds directly to the scene. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief if in-service will respond to the station to aide in dispatching unit(s). If the Chief and or 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief do not go into service, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief will go in service and respond to the scene. Once on scene, the OIC will conduct a scene size up and give a report prior to the first arriving unit(s). This size up is critical in establishing scene safety and what type of response is needed for this emergency (lights/sirens, no lights/siren, other agencies need to respond, and or no response is needed by the department). A scene size up is required to be done on all calls to provide the highest level of safety for all responding units, department members, and the general public we serve.

- C. If no chief officer is on scene, the officer of the first unit arriving at the scene will assume command. Once command is established, he/she will do a scene size up for reasons stated in section 301.03(B).
- D. When MFR(s) go in service, they will respond directly to the scene for the reasons stated in section 301.03 (A) – (C)

#### **301.04 MUTAUL AID REQUESTS**

The officer-in-charge may request mutual aid from the departments by using the MABAS system. If there is not a MABAS card for this call or the card would active more departments than needed, the OIC can request the nearest department and resources required to handle the call.