## SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ARTICLE: II SOP: 2406

OPERATING SECTION: 2400 Response Procedures

PROCEDURES SUBJECT: QRV Response Plan

DATE APPROVED: 02/12/2024

APPROVED:

**Purpose:** To provide for a consistent response to incidents occurring in areas identified as

rural and or difficult to access, and to provide a quicker response to areas

throughout the District for non-fire related incidents.

**Scope:** All Scotts Valley Emergency Response Personnel

#### Procedure:

STANDARD

The following procedures shall be utilized when responding to known difficult address locations. These incidents are identified with a support unit attached on dispatch.

### Apparatus & Equipment

- Staffed Scotts Valley Fire Stations shall have an assigned quick response (utility) support vehicle (S-2561 & S-2562) that will be used for difficult access area responses. This vehicle shall be maintained in a state of readiness similar to other front-line fire apparatus.
- The utility vehicle shall be equipped with the following equipment:
  - o Full complement of EMS Equipment
  - o Axe and Halligan
  - o 10 Lb. ABC Fire Extinguisher
  - o Pressurize Water Extinguisher
  - o 10 road flares
  - o Map books
  - o Portable flashlights (2)
  - o Portable Radios (2)
  - o Chain saw and small fuel can
  - Flagging

#### Response Standard

- When dispatched to incidents with a support unit identifier, or other areas known to be difficult to access, the following response standard shall be utilized
  - o Units S-2561 or S-2562 shall be staffed with a minimum of two people:
    - One (1) paramedic
    - One (1) Captain or Acting Captain
  - Units S-2561 or S-2562 shall respond with lights and sirens (code 3) to emergency incidents and in accordance with District Policy.

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SOP:

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES ARTICLE: II

SECTION:

2400 SAFETY

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 Units E-2511 or E-2512 (or reserve apparatus) may respond along with the QRV utilizing the following guidelines:

- If only staffed with one (1) person, the Engine should without lights and sirens (non-code) to a safe parking location near the incident;
- If staffed at least two (2) people, the Engine may respond with lights and sirens (code 3) to a safe parking location near the incident
- Once safely parked, the staff on the apparatus shall make contact with the Captain on the QRV to determine if any additional equipment is needed at the scene, and if they shall proceed to the scene on foot or if access can be made to the scene with the larger apparatus.

## Other Details

- The above response standards may be adjusted at the Captain's discretion for the out-of-the-ordinary type incidents (i.e. the exception, not the norm).
- The purpose of the QRV is to decrease response times to difficult to access areas. Captain's shall use their discretion when calling for a QRV if they are out of quarters or if they think a quicker response may realize a better incident outcome.

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