

**Schuylkill County Fire Chiefs Association
Standard Operating Guidelines
Emergency Response Status and Call Types
Revised:11/01/2024**

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PURPOSE

To establish a standard description of incidents that are to be considered an emergent and non-emergent response by the Schuylkill County Fire Chiefs Association.

DEFINITIONS

Emergent Response – Response that consists of the use of warning lights, sirens, and horns

Non-Emergent Response – Responses that consist of a normal flow of traffic response without the use of warning lights or sirens

- Emergent Response and Non- Emergent Response will be the only terms recognized as a response status
 - Terms such as “Normal Flow”, “Under Caution”, Code Number or Color will not be used to define a response status

EMERGENT RESPONSE INCIDENTS

The Fire Nature Codes listed below (but not limited to) are to be considered emergent responses by the Schuylkill County Fire Chiefs Association:

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| Automatic Fire Alarm | Electrical Fire Inside |
| Boating Accident | Electrical Fire Outside |
| Barn Fire | Fire Police Request |
| Brush Fire | Gas Leak/Odor |
| Chimney Fire | Gas Leak/Odor Inside |
| Church Fire | Gas Leak/Odor Outside |
| Carbon Monoxide Incident | Rescue (Other Type) |
| Commercial Fire | Unknown Type Fire |
| Confined Space – Inaccessible, Collapse,
Trench Rescue | Garage Fire |
| Elevator Rescue | Hazmat Incident |
| Explosion Report | Hospital Fire |
| Apartment Building Fire | House Fire |
| Barn Fire | Fire Investigation |
| Building Fire (Business) | Incoming Box Alarm |
| BBQ Grill Fire | Motorcycle Fire |
| Bus Fire | Nursing Home Fire |
| Chemical Leak | Odor Investigation |
| | Other Type Fire |

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Fire Reported Out	Wind Turbine Fire
Propane Leak	Water Rescue
Propane Leak Inside	Haz Materials Incident
Propane Leak Outside	Helipad Support
Prison Fire	Ladder Task Force
Rescue Any Type	Med Assist (Cardiac Arrest, Lifting, Other)
Rekindle	Mass Casualty Incident
Residential Rescue	Off Road Rescue
Smoke in Apartment Building	Fire Reported Out
School Fire	Plane Crash
Shed Fire	Prison Fire
Smoke Investigation	Structural Collapse / Entrapment
Special Assignment	Tech Rescue – Machinery
Structure Fire	Tech Rescue – Industrial
Tanker Leaking/Hazmat	Tech Rescue – High Angle
Tanker Truck Fire	Tech Rescue – Rope
Trash Fire	Traffic Control
Tanker Fill Site	Unknown Type Alarm
Tractor Trailer Fire	Vehicle Fire
Trailer Leak/Hazmat	Water Rescue
Truck Fire	Still Water Rescue
Vehicle Fire	Swift Water Rescue

NON-EMERGENT RESPONSE INCIDENTS

The Fire Nature Codes listed below (but not limited to) are to be considered non-emergent responses by the Schuylkill County Fire Chiefs Association:

Chief Request	Tree on Wires (with or w/o) Arcing
Fluids Down	Vehicle Leaking Fluids
Stand By for Another Company	Wash Down Assignment
Vehicle Leaking Fluid	Wires Down (No Arcing)
Landing Zone	Wires Down Arcing
Move Up Assignment	Setup Landing Zone
Pole Down	Pole Fire
Pole Damaged	Structural Collapse / No Inj
Pole Fire	Water Complaint
Pump Detail	Wire(s) Down
Search and Rescue	Weather Related Emergencies
Stand By in Station	Weather Related Incident(s)
Tree Down	Accident Pole Down / No Injury
Transformer Fire	Accident Fluid Down / No Injury

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- These suggested responses can be adjusted depending on information received or change of situation by the driver / officer of your company.
- All dispatches coming from the 911 Center will be dispatched as an emergent response. This SOG will serve as guidance to the company response status. The incident command officer can also request companies respond in a different status.

AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS

Response to an automatic fire alarm may be downgraded to one (1) piece of fire apparatus or an officer to respond non-emergency when Schuylkill County Communications notifies responders of a phone call requesting the fire department cancel their response and the following information is provided:

1. Name of caller (responsible party)
and
2. Proper pass code was provided to dispatcher
and
3. Reason for the alarm

Police Department Cancellations

- If the Police Department wishes the Fire Department to cancel on a Fire call, at least the first due unit or duty officer should continue to the scene non-emergency to verify that there is no problem and take a report.