

# SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

## Standard Operating Procedures

**90.01.02**  
**VOLUNTEER RESPONSE**  
**GUIDELINES**



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**Purpose:** To establish guidelines for volunteer response to incidents.

**References:** N/A

**Procedure:**

1. Volunteer Officer Incident Response Guidelines.

When responding to an incident in his/her initial response area, the following guidelines will be followed by volunteer officers:

- a) If the incident is between the responding officer and the station, he/she may respond via privately owned vehicle (POV) directly to the incident.
- b) If the station is between the responding officer and the incident, respond to the station, staff an apparatus, and create a company or crew for response.
- c) If there is insufficient staffing of dispatched apparatus, advise the Incident Commander (IC) only of the number of personnel on standby at the station via the assigned radio frequency. The IC may request that an apparatus respond with limited staffing.

2. Volunteer Firefighter Incident Response Guidelines.

When responding to an incident in his/her initial response area, the following guidelines will be followed by volunteer firefighters:

- a) Respond directly to assigned station and staff dispatched apparatus with a minimum of two personnel to form a company or crew for response to the incident. One firefighter is sufficient for Water Tender operations, but two firefighters are preferred.
- b) If there is insufficient staffing of dispatched apparatus, advise the Incident Commander (IC) only of the number of personnel on standby at the station via the assigned radio frequency. The IC may request that an apparatus respond with limited staffing.
- c) Respond apparatus as indicated by the dispatch. Exceptions:
  - i. An apparatus becomes out-of-service.
  - ii. Weather conditions dictate the response of a different apparatus. Directed to by 820, IC, or the Station Officer.

3. Volunteer Support Services Member Incident Response Guidelines

- a) If Support Services personnel arrive at Station 81 and Support Unit 80 (SU80) has responded, or the member is not qualified to drive SU80, the member may take a station support unit or their POV to the incident.
- b) If Support Services personnel have specific knowledge that SU80 is already en route and going to a station to pick up another support unit

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would negate their response, they may drive directly to the scene POV.

4. If cancelled by the primary apparatus or the IC, continue to respond to the station to provide station staffing until the primary apparatus are in-service.