

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Policy

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Out of Jurisdiction Response



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Responses to areas outside the jurisdictional boundaries of the District for the purposes of emergency response may be requested by the State of Washington under the State Mobilization Act, by the federal government under a disaster declaration, as requested under a signed mutual or automatic aid agreement or as deemed appropriate by the Chief of the District or his designee.

Any response to areas outside of the jurisdictional boundaries of the District that are not covered by a valid contract for services, a signed mutual or automatic aid agreement, a State Mobilization or federal government disaster declaration shall only be for responses that may cause direct harm to citizens of the District, involve critical infrastructure, or where no other resources are available to mitigate the incident and response by the District has the potential to prevent serious injury or death.

Response to an out of jurisdiction incident shall be within the absolute discretion of the District, shall be on a non-precedent setting basis and shall not establish an obligation on the District to respond to future requests for service for that individual, property, business or area. The District makes no guarantee of responding outside of the District's jurisdiction and the District assumes no liability for failure to respond to incidents outside of its jurisdiction. The Chief of the District or his designee shall be the sole judge as to whether a response out of the jurisdiction will occur, and if so, the manner in which it will take place. Neither this policy nor any past or future out of jurisdiction responses shall create or be construed as creating any exception to the Public Duty Doctrine.

This policy does not establish a fee per incident response service for out of jurisdiction individuals, properties, businesses, or areas but if the District does respond outside of the jurisdictional boundaries the District reserves the right to recover all costs incurred for such response directly from the recipient(s) of the services. Property owners desiring District service shall be required to annex into the District when contiguous to the District boundary, or to execute a service contract with the District when not contiguous with the District boundary.