



FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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TO: All Fire and Rescue Personnel

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RE: **Squad Companies: Assignments, Staffing, Equipment**

Currently there are three Squad Companies: Squad 5, Squad 12, and Squad 37. Squads are defined as an engine in their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd due territories. On all other assignments, they are considered a part of the Special Operations Team with a focus on Rapid Intervention and firefighter survival.

They are assigned to the following calls:

- All structure fires will require *at least* one Squad based on geographical location.
 - If a Squad is one of the first three engines assigned, send another.
 - Cannot be canceled on W3's.
- All HazMat and USAR calls will require *at least* one Squad.
- Any high-risk event such as train derailments, aircraft accidents, machinery entrapment, etc...will require *at least* one Squad.
- Any call in which the IC feels the Squad is needed.
- Once on scene, the IC can either assign them to RIT, preferred, or to another task as needed prior to the (signal 77) *Under-Control* given.
- Once the signal 77 has been given and the call switches to overhaul, the IC can keep the Squad as RIT or release them to return to their territory.

Current staffing:

- Is 1/2. Must be HazMat or USAR certified, and JFRD RIT & FF Survival class (once given)
 - No recruits will be assigned while at the Academy.
- Will be assigning more qualified firefighters in the near future.
- If an opening exists at a Squad, then backfill from 4 & 13, 7 or 21.
 - No more than 2 individuals from 4 or 13, and 2 individuals from 7 and 21.
 - No more than 4 members can be used from the Teams for backfill.
 - Backfill qualified personnel from other stations into 4, 13, 7, and 21 for experience utilizing their certifications.
 - If in overtime, or too many people are off to staff each location appropriately, then hire appropriately.



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Equipment:

Most of the equipment has been placed on the three Squads. More equipment has to be purchased and budgeted. Here is the RIT equipment cache located on the three Squads:

- 1- RIT pack
- 1- 760/K12/Partner cut off saw **
- 1- 440 chainsaw (carbide tip chain)
- 1- Hydraulic pump with spreaders cutters and ram
- 1- additional air chisel (top gun) **
- 1- additional high lift jack
- 1- additional come-a-long
- 1- battery operated saws
- 1- hydro ram
- 1- bag of 3/8 rope 200' for search rope **
- switch out PPK to high flow PPK
- 2-4 harnesses
- Skids
- Hot Sticks and gloves
- Pneumatic reciprocating saws. **
- Lithium powered cutters, spreaders, and rams. **
- Multiple thermal imaging cameras. **

** denotes the equipment that needs purchasing.

Future equipment will be identified and purchased as needed.

This Squad initiative is ever evolving and expect changes moving forward. The key to success is understanding the Squads role in our department and the importance of having highly trained, highly motivated, and highly equipped individuals standing by in the event of a collapse or a firefighter trapped and or missing.