

TARRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 1

Policy Title: High Risk Resource Allocation
Authorized By: TCESD 1 Board of Commissioners
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Purpose and Scope

Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1 (“the District”) is committed to supporting enhanced emergency response capabilities during high-risk events, including elevated fire danger, severe weather, special events, and other critical incidents. This policy establishes the criteria, procedures, coordination framework, and cost structure for the deployment of additional resources. These allocations are intended for extraordinary circumstances only and are not a substitute for routine operational responsibilities or a condition for expected response to Fire and EMS incidents.

Policy

I. Criteria for Resource Allocation

Additional resources may be authorized by the District when one or more of the following conditions are met:

1. **Elevated Fire Risk:** Fire weather conditions rated as elevated, critical, or extreme (e.g., Red Flag Warnings) in combination with fuel conditions indicating high wildfire potential, and where enhanced resourcing will support the protection of life and property.
2. **Severe Weather:** Forecasted or actual severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, or significant flooding events where pre- or post-event resourcing would improve public safety outcomes.
3. **Disasters, Emergencies, Special Events:** Any natural or man-made disaster, major emergency, or special event in which resource enhancement would protect life and property.
4. **Apparatus and Personnel Standards:** All apparatus must meet relevant specifications under NFPA and NWCG standards. Assigned personnel must hold applicable certifications through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP), National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).
5. **Eligible Resources Include:**
 - Type 1 Engine (minimum 3 personnel)
 - Type 3 Engine (2–3 personnel)
 - Type 6 Brush Truck (2 personnel)
 - Tender/Tanker (1 personnel)
 - Ambulance (2 personnel)

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II. Deployment and Coordination

1. Resource augmentation shall be prioritized based on incident severity and operational need. Due to feasibility limitations, not all departments may receive additional resources during every event.
2. Once qualifying criteria are met, the District Executive Director, or their designee, shall coordinate with area Fire and EMS departments to assign resources in a manner that maximizes strategic impact and response effectiveness.
3. Additional resources must be above and beyond regular daily staffing to ensure true capability enhancement.
4. Assignments shall generally be organized in 12-hour operational periods or aligned with peak demand timeframes.
5. Authorization for deployment requires submission and approval of the designated resource activation form included within this policy.

III. Cost Allocation

1. Subject to available funds and District Board-approved appropriations, contingency funds may be used to support high-risk resource deployment. As a general guideline, additional resourcing should be limited to one supplemental unit per operational period per north/south geographic area of the District, unless exceptional circumstances warrant otherwise.
2. Authorized reimbursement rates:
 - o Type 1 Engine: \$120/hour
 - o Type 3 Engine: \$80-\$120/hour
 - o Type 6 Brush Truck: \$80/hour
 - o Tender/Tanker: \$40/hour
 - o Ambulance: \$80/hour
3. Reimbursement requires submission of a completed resource authorization form and invoice to the District business office. Upon approval, payments will be processed within 60 days.
4. Liability, workers' compensation, and all associated responsibilities remain governed by the existing services agreement between the District and the service provider. This policy does not constitute a separate agreement for services, nor does it modify or supersede existing contractual terms, conditions, or legal responsibilities.