

FREWSBURG FIRE DISTRICT OPERATIONAL POLICY	Section 6	RESPONSE MATRIX	
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I. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Frewsburg Fire Company members as it pertains to responses to confirmed/ potential structures fires. This policy shall be followed at all times.

II. PURPOSE

It is the intent of this policy to make clear the vehicle response order to structure fires or potential structure fires.

III. PROCEDURE

1. When an alarm is received reporting such a fire, a full assignment of Frewsburg apparatus, in accordance with response SOP, is to respond to the incident after being staffed by a sufficient number of personnel.
 - A. If a sufficient crew is not available for response, the apparatus shall not respond unless directed to do so by the Incident Commander (IC). All apparatus shall respond in true emergency mode using lights and sirens unless otherwise instructed.
2. The Chief and Assistant Chiefs will generally respond directly to the scene and park off the road.
 - A. This may include parking in area driveways, on lawns or in a parking lot. All responding personnel including chief officers shall strive to keep roadways open to allow apparatus to enter and exit the scene and to provide room for supply and attack hose lines to be laid.
3. Firefighters **AND** fire police shall respond to the fire hall and staff the appropriate apparatus.
4. The position in which firefighters ride on the apparatus shall be based upon their training qualifications.
 - A. For example, only a qualified driver / pump operator shall drive the engines and tanker; a minimum of one qualified interior firefighter should ride in the First due apparatus; a driver and minimum of one EMT shall staff the ambulance.
5. The first arriving engine will be designated as the attack engine. Unless otherwise ordered by an on-scene officer, the attack engine should establish a water supply by laying a 4-inch LDH hose line from the roadway up the driveway to the fire scene.
 - A. The line should be laid as close to the side of the drive as possible allowing access for other vehicles, including any responding aerial apparatus.

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6. The second arriving engine should serve as the water supply engine unless otherwise ordered by the IC.
7. A determination must be made by the Incident Commander or first arriving engine as to what will be the primary water source.
 - A. The supply truck may draft from the lake, a pond or other static body of water into the LDH supply line to the attack truck or may direct incoming water tankers to set up a series of portable ponds. The IC will then direct the tanker operators to the closest water source for them to refill.