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To: All Members
Daytime Duty Officers
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The functions associated with 8A80 during the daytime are significantly different than those associated with a night time duty officer. The primary reason is the availability of staff. While the lack of staff does not eliminate the need for Command functions they are reduced when there are only two or three members responding.

Daytime dispatched to a response that requires more than one fire apparatus.

- Daytime personnel should take at least two vehicles.
 - Example – MVA 8R9 and 8E9 are dispatched / daytime takes both vehicles and the volunteers chase to the scene.
 - Example – Structure fire 8E9 and 8T9 / daytimes takes both of these vehicles and the volunteers will bring additional vehicles or chase. This allows the initial staff to have in excess of 4000 gallons of water on scene.
 - Use of the blitz fire / deluge gun will allow for high GPM flow with limited staffing.
- The person assigned as 8A80 arrives on scene of a MVA. He/She is the only person on scene / give a good sizeup / transfer command before you get out of the vehicle to another incoming unit or just announce it on the radio.
 - There is no one to command if you are the first unit/person on scene and patient care is the first priority not giving assignments.
 - If after you complete a walk around additional resources are needed 8A80 can request those resources through the next responding unit or dispatch and then return to functioning as a firefighter.
 - You can't do a good job of doing both.
 - When command is transferred additional responding personnel should NOT contact 8A80 for instructions or assignments.

Signature

Date of Signature