

**SUBJECT:** RETURNING COMPANIES TO SERVICE**SECTION:** 301.24**REVISED:** NOVEMBER 5, 2007**PAGE(S):** 1

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## PURPOSE

To insure that fire companies and units are returned to available status as quickly as is possible after emergency operations have concluded.

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## POLICY

- A. After emergency operations are completed, fire companies and/or units should endeavor to return to service quickly, becoming available as soon as is effectively and safely possible.
- B. Returning to available status after the conclusion of an emergency shall be considered a priority operation.

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## PROCEDURE

- A. All companies and/or units which have been released from an emergency scene should insure that they are sufficiently re-equipped and ready for response.
- B. As soon as companies and/or units become available for response, they should notify the incident commander that they are “available.”
- C. Upon returning to quarters, fire companies and/or units should endeavor to quickly and completely refuel, refill, re-equip, and re-supply their apparatus so as to be fully ready for the next alarm (Note: this shall be a priority operation.)
- D. Whenever fire companies and/or units are operating at an emergency scene, but are being held in an available status, they should endeavor to remain in a condition of readiness, sufficiently equipped, and able to respond.

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## RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Incident Commanders are responsible for releasing fire companies and/or units as soon as is safely possible from the scene of emergencies which have been brought under control.
- B. Company Commanders are responsible for making their companies available and/or returning them to service as quickly as possible.