

TAMAQUA FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPERATING GUIDELINES

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**BACKGROUND**

The Tamaqua Fire Department provides Mutual Aid support for many surrounding communities. There was a rotation system designed to establish a means of providing the support to these communities while still leaving the Department with adequate apparatus and manpower for in town responses. This procedure also ensures equal opportunities for out of town responses.

**PROCEDURE**

The procedure is based of the 12 months in a year and follows the rotation below.

January	East End	July	American Hose
February	South Ward	August	Citizens
March	American Hose	September	East End
April	Citizens	October	South Ward
May	East End	November	American Hose
June	South Ward	December	Citizens

The company listed for that month will be the company designated to handle out of town responses, the company listed for the following month will be designated for the second out of Town Company. At no time will the Tamaqua Fire Department send more than two (2) pumpers out of the borough on a Mutual Aid.

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**AERIAL APPARATUS**

If there shall be a request for the borough Aerial Apparatus, the first out of Town Company shall accompany the Aerial with one (1) pumper. If needed manpower or Aerial operator's from other company may assist in this response.

**R.I.T TEAM**

If there shall be a request for the Fire Department R.I.T team the following guideline shall be followed.

The First two out of town companies will be responsible for the R.I.T equipment and apparatus, no more than one (1) pumper apparatus from each company. A borough all call will be dispatched by the Schuylkill 911 center. All available certified Department R.I.T personnel will respond to one of the two stations mentioned above.

**SPECIAL REQUEST**

Any company having special equipment such as County Task Force De-Con equipment or Air Monitoring equipment will be dispatched as needed regardless of the order in the rotation system, Any department members be certified in either De-Con or Air Monitoring can respond with the designated companies.

NOTE: At any time when additional manpower is needed to staff an apparatus, that company can request a Department all call for manpower to assist in the response.

NOTE: Please limit the amount of responses in personal vehicle to ensure that there is sufficient manpower in the Borough in case of an Alarm.