


Ocean City Fire Department  
**FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER**

FCGO: 23-006

REVISED EFFECTIVE DATE: Wednesday, December 20, 2023

<b>TO</b>	ALL OCFD Personnel
<b>FROM</b>	Fire Chief Richard R. Bowers, Jr. 
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Box Alarm Response Assignments – with Matrix 1 & 2

**OCFD –BOX ALARM RESPONSE ASSIGNMENTS**

OCFD Apparatus response and On-Scene Fire Operations to a reported structure fire are critical components of operational readiness

The OCFD has compiled Box Alarm Response Assignment Matrixes to improve operational readiness to structure fires.

Attached are the OCFD Box Alarm Response Assignments.

- Box Alarm Response Assignment Matrix #1 is a comprehensive response outline with notes\*.
- A non-hydrant matrix is included in Box Alarm Response Assignment Matrix # 1
- Box Alarm Response Assignment Matrix # 2 is reduced to generic apparatus Box Alarm Responses to structure fires.

**Distribution and Implementation Plan**

November 16-20, 2023 – Distribution, posting and review of the FCGO Box Alarm Response Assignment.

November 21, 2023 – 0700 hours full implementation of the FCGO Box Alarm Response Assignment.

December 20, 2023 – Revised – full implementation effective immediately

All personnel are required to review the Matrixes and comply with them accordingly

## BOX ALARM RESPONSE ASSIGNMENTS – MATRIX #1

### BOX AREA 1 & 2

Alarm Level	To Scene	Fill-In HQ	Fill-In Sta 3	Fill-In Sta 4
1 <sup>st</sup> Alarm	<b>OCFD:</b> <b>Paramedic Engine 1</b> Tower 5 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Engine 5 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) <b>Tower 4</b> <b>Paramedic 1</b> <b>Paramedic 7</b>  <b>Worcester:</b> Ladder 6			
Working Fire Assignment	<b>OCFD:</b> <b>Paramedic 3</b> <b>Re-Alert VFC</b> <b>Canteen 25</b>  <b>Worcester:</b> 1100 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 600 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 1100 – 1 Truck 900 – 1 Medic Unit	<b>Sussex:</b> 70 – 1 Quint
2 <sup>nd</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b> <b>OCFD:</b> 1 Rescue  <b>Worcester:</b> 800 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 900 – 1 Engine	<b>Sussex:</b> 70 – 1 Truck	<b>Sussex:</b> 90 – 1 Engine or Quint  <b>Worcester:</b> 800 – 1 Medic Unit
3 <sup>rd</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b>  <b>Sussex:</b> 84 – 1 Engine	<b>Wicomico:</b> 8 – 1 Engine	<b>Sussex:</b> 90 – 1 Tower  <b>Worcester:</b> 600 – 1 Medic Unit	<b>Sussex:</b> 88 – 1 Engine
4 <sup>th</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b>  <b>Sussex:</b> 76 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 500 – 1 Engine 400 – 1 Medic unit	<b>Worcester:</b> 400 – Ladder 4	<b>Sussex:</b> 76 – 1 Engine
5 <sup>th</sup> Alarm and Above: Quantity of Units Determined by Incident Commander or Designee. <i>Standard Assignment for Additional Alarms: 3 Engines, 1 Truck, 1 Medic</i> <i>Career Staff will Staff (2) Engines and (1) Truck unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Officer, when the staffing model permits</i>				

**Red Text** = Staffed by on-duty career personnel

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## BOX ALARM RESPONSE ASSIGNMENTS – MATRIX #1

### Box Area 3

Alarm Level	To Scene	Fill-In HQ	Fill-In Sta 3	Fill-In Sta 4
1 <sup>st</sup> Alarm	<b>OCFD:</b> Paramedic Engine 4 Tower 1 Engine 5 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Paramedic 4 Paramedic 3  <b>Worcester:</b> 1100 – 1 Tower			
Working Fire Assignment	<b>OCFD:</b> Paramedic 1 Re-Alert VFC Canteen 25  <b>Sussex:</b> 70 – 1 Quint	<b>Worcester:</b> 1100 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 600 – Ladder 6 800 – 1 Medic Unit	<b>Worcester:</b> 800 – 1 Engine
2 <sup>nd</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b> <b>OCFD:</b> 1 Rescue  <b>Worcester:</b> 900 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 600 – 1 Engine	<b>Sussex:</b> 70 – 1 Tower  <b>Worcester:</b> 1100 – 1 Medic	<b>Sussex:</b> 90 – 1 Engine or Quint
3 <sup>rd</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b>  <b>Sussex:</b> 88 – 1 Engine	<b>Wicomico:</b> 8 – 1 Engine 500 – 1 Ems Unit	<b>Wicomico:</b> 7 – 1 Truck	<b>Sussex:</b> 84 – 1 Engine
4 <sup>th</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b>  <b>Sussex:</b> 90 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 500 – 1 Engine	<b>Sussex:</b> 88 – 1 Truck	<b>Sussex:</b> 76 – 1 Engine
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*\*Station 5 may respond with any other staffed apparatus after Engine 5 goes 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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## BOX ALARM RESPONSE ASSIGNMENTS – MATRIX #1

### Box Area 4

Alarm Level	To Scene	Fill-In HQ	Fill-In Sta 3	Fill-In Sta 4
1 <sup>st</sup> Alarm	<b>OCFD:</b> Paramedic Engine 4 Tower 1 Engine 5 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Tower 5 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Paramedic 4 Paramedic 3  <b>Sussex:</b> 90 – 1 Engine 70 – 1 Tower			
Working Fire Assignment	<b>OCFD:</b> Paramedic 1 Re-Alert VFC Canteen 25  <b>Worcester:</b> 1100 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 800 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 900 – 1 Engine 1100 – 1 Medic Unit	<b>Sussex:</b> 90 – 1 Tower
2 <sup>nd</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b>  <b>Sussex:</b> 84 – 1 Engine	<b>Sussex:</b> 88 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 600 – Ladder 6 800 – 1 Medic Unit	<b>Sussex:</b> 76 – 1 Engine
3 <sup>rd</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b>  <b>Worcester:</b> 600 – 1 Engine	<b>Wicomico:</b> 8 – 1 Engine	<b>Wicomico:</b> 7 – Truck 7	<b>Sussex:</b> 73 – 1 Engine
4 <sup>th</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b>  <b>Worcester:</b> 500 – 1 Engine	<b>Wicomico:</b> 11 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 400 – Ladder 4	<b>Rehoboth Beach:</b> 86 – 1 Engine
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## BOX ALARM RESPONSE ASSIGNMENTS – MATRIX #1

### Box Area 5 & 6 Hydrant

Alarm Level	To Scene	Fill-In HQ	Fill-In Sta 3	Fill-In Sta 4
1 <sup>st</sup> Alarm	<b>OCFD:</b> Engine/Tanker 5 Paramedic Engine 1 Tower 5 Paramedic 7 Paramedic 1  <b>Worcester:</b> 600 - Ladder 6 1100 – 1 Engine	<b>Paramedic Engine 4</b> <b>Transfer to HQ.</b>		
Working Fire Assignment	<b>OCFD:</b> Paramedic Engine 4 Paramedic 3 <b>Re-Alert VFC</b> <b>Canteen 25</b>  <b>Worcester:</b> 600 – Engine 605	<b>Worcester:</b> 800 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 900 – 1 Engine 1100 – 1 Medic Unit	<b>Sussex:</b> 70 – 1 Quint
2 <sup>nd</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b> <b>OCFD:</b> 1 Rescue  <b>Sussex:</b> 70 – 1 Tower	<b>Worcester:</b> 900 – 1 Engine	<b>Sussex:</b> 90 – 1 Engine  <b>Worcester:</b> 800 – 1 Medic Unit	<b>Sussex:</b> 88 – 1 Engine
3 <sup>rd</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b>  <b>Wicomico:</b> 7 – Truck 7	<b>Worcester:</b> 500 – 1 Engine 500 1 – Medic Unit	<b>Sussex:</b> 84 – 1 Engine	<b>Sussex:</b> 76 – 1 Engine
4 <sup>th</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b>  <b>Sussex:</b> 90 – 1 Tower	<b>Wicomico:</b> 8 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 400 – Ladder 4	<b>Rehoboth Beach:</b> 86 – 1 Engine  <b>Sussex:</b> 90 – 1 Ambulance SCEMS – 1 Medic
5 <sup>th</sup> Alarm and Above: Quantity of Units Determined by Incident Commander or Designee <i>Standard Assignment for Additional Alarms: 3 Engines, 1 Truck, 1 Medic</i> <b>Career Staff will Staff (2) Engines and (1) Truck unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Officer, when the staffing model permits</b>				

\*If there is a duty crew providing staffing at HQ, Paramedic Engine 1 may take Tower 1 or Rescue 1

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# **BOX ALARM RESPONSE ASSIGNMENTS – MATRIX #1**

## Box Area 5 & 6 Non-Hydrant

Alarm Level	To Scene	Fill-In HQ	Fill-In Sta 3	Fill-In Sta 4
1 <sup>st</sup> Alarm	<b>OCFD:</b> Engine/Tanker 5 Tanker 5 <b>Paramedic Engine 1</b> Tower 5 <b>Paramedic 7</b> <b>Paramedic 1</b>  <b>Worcester:</b> 600 – 1 Tanker 600 - Ladder 6 1100 – 1 Engine	<b>Paramedic Engine 4 Transfer to HQ.</b>		
Working Fire Assignment	<b>OCFD:</b> <b>Paramedic Engine 4</b> <b>Paramedic 3</b>  <b>Re-Alert VFC Canteen 25</b>  <b>Worcester:</b> 800 – 1 Tanker 600 – Engine 605	<b>Worcester:</b> 800 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 900 – 1 Engine 1100 – 1 Medic Unit	<b>Sussex:</b> 70 – 1 Quint
2 <sup>nd</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b> <b>OCFD:</b> 1 Rescue  <b>Worcester:</b> 500 – 1 Tanker 900 – 1 Tanker  <b>Sussex:</b> 70 – 1 Tower	<b>Worcester:</b> 900 – 1 Engine	<b>Sussex:</b> 90 – 1 Engine  <b>Worcester:</b> 800 – 1 Medic Unit	<b>Sussex:</b> 88 – 1 Engine
3 <sup>rd</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b>  <b>Sussex:</b> 88 – 1 Tanker  <b>Wicomico:</b> 7 – Truck 7 8 – 1 Tanker	<b>Worcester:</b> 500 – 1 Engine 500 – 1 Medic Unit	<b>Sussex:</b> 84 – 1 Engine	<b>Sussex:</b> 76 – 1 Engine
4 <sup>th</sup> Alarm	<b>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</b>  <b>Sussex:</b> 73 – 1 Tanker 90 – 1 Tower 90 – 1 Tanker	<b>Wicomico:</b> 8 – 1 Engine	<b>Worcester:</b> 400 – Ladder 4	<b>Rehoboth Beach:</b> 86 – 1 Engine  <b>Sussex:</b> 90 – 1 Ambulance SCEMS – 1 Medic
5 <sup>th</sup> Alarm and Above: Quantity of Units Determined by Incident Commander or Designee <i>Standard Assignment for Additional Alarms: 3 Engines, 1 Truck, 1 Medic</i> <b>Career Staff will Staff (2) Engines and (1) Truck unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Officer, when the staffing model permits</b>				

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## BOX ALARM RESPONSE ASSIGNMENTS – MATRIX #2

Alarm Level	To Scene	Fill-In Required (Station Assignment based on Need)
1 <sup>st</sup> Alarm	<b><u>OCFD:</u></b> 2 Engines 2 Towers 2 Medics <b><u>Outside:</u></b> 1 Tower	Additional OCFD units not needed on the scene may facilitate standbys as needed.
“Working Fire Assignment”  <i>IC request to 911Center for time stamp – personnel recall for station staffing</i> <i>911 center for time-stamp- personnel recall for station staffing</i>	<b><u>OCFD:</u></b> 1 Medic <b><u>Outside Agency:</u></b> 1 Engine  Re-Alert VFC Canteen 25	<b><u>From Outside Agency</u></b>  2 Engines 1 Tower 1 EMS Unit
2 <sup>nd</sup> Alarm	<b><u>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</u></b> -2 Engines -1 Tower -1 EMS Unit <b><u>OCFD:</u></b> Rescue <b><u>Outside Agency</u></b> 1 Engine	<b><u>From Outside Agency</u></b>  2 Engines 1 Quint/Tower 2 EMS Units
3 <sup>rd</sup> Alarm	<b><u>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</u></b> -2 Engines -1 Quint/Tower -2 EMS Units <b><u>Outside Agency</u></b> -1 Engine	<b><u>From Outside Agency</u></b>  2 Engines 1 Quint/Tower 2 EMS Units
4 <sup>th</sup> Alarm	<b><u>Transfer Fill-In Units to Scene</u></b> -2 Engines -2 EMS Units -1 Tower <b><u>Outside Agency</u></b> 1 Engine	<b><u>From Outside Agency</u></b>  2 Engines 1 Quint/Tower