

WBFD Standards of Cover 2013

1. Emergency Medical Service (EMS):

The WBFD responds to calls for emergency medical services with an ALS licensed ambulance, with at least one paramedic and one emergency medical technician (EMT) at any level (basic, intermediate or paramedic), within eight (8) minutes of receipt of the call 90% of the time, in accordance with its EMS Service Zone plan pursuant to MGL Chapter 111C.

2. Motor Vehicle Crash:

The WBFD responds initially to calls for motor vehicle crashes (MVC) with an ALS licensed ambulance, with at least one paramedic and one emergency medical technician (EMT) at any level (basic, intermediate or paramedic), within eight (8) minutes of receipt of the call 90% of the time, in accordance with its EMS Service Zone plan pursuant to MGL Chapter 111C.

If there are found to be injuries at the incident, the WBFD will assemble in addition to the ALS licensed ambulance and crew, an engine and at least four additional firefighters at the incident within sixteen minutes, 75% of the time.

3. Structure Fires:

The WBFD has adopted the minimum standards of NFPA 1720, as they apply to a rural community, as its minimum standard for responding to structure fires.

Initial Assembly Standard:

The WBFD will respond to calls for a structure fire by initially assembling an engine and six firefighters at the incident within fourteen (14) minutes of receipt of the call 80% of the time, in accordance with NFPA 1720. This time includes one minute for dispatching and one minute for turnout time. We do not formally measure these individual elements separately.

First Alarm Assignment Assembly Standard:

*Structure Fire – Hydrant District**

*Structure Fire – Non-Hydrant District**

*Chimney Fire, fire contained to chimney – Hydrant District**

*Chimney Fire, fire contained to chimney – Non-Hydrant District**

The WBFD will assemble a first alarm assignment, at the incident, consisting of two engines, a truck (ladder/quint/rescue/squad), 4000 gallons of water, and at least twelve firefighters within twenty-four (24) minutes of the receipt of the call 70% of the time.

4. Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)/Brush Fires:

The WBFD will respond to calls for a wildland fire in by initially assembling at least one wildland engine and two firefighters at the incident within nine minutes of receipt of the call 80% of the time.

The WBFD will assemble a first alarm assignment, at the incident, consisting of at least one wildland engine and an additional engine of any type, and at least six firefighters within twenty-four (24) minutes of the receipt of the call 70% of the time.

5. Hazardous Materials Incident

5a. Spill or Release of a Hazardous Material:

The WBFD will respond to calls for a spill or release of hazardous materials by assembling at least an engine and a second apparatus appropriate to the specific hazard and six firefighters at the incident within fourteen (14) minutes of receipt of the call 50% of the time.

The mitigation of a spill or release of a hazardous material will vary greatly based upon the product spilled or release, the size of the spill or release, the location of the spill or release and other factors, and because this are low frequency events (especially when broken down into accurate subcategories, such as propane, oil spills, large spills, small spills, etc.) it is not practical to create a generic first alarm assignment. (For example, if there is an oil spill, E-294 and S-287 would be appropriate because they carry most of our spill control supplies, but S-287 would be inappropriate for a propane leak because it has no water, so ET-296 needs to be substituted for S-287.)Therefore, the WBFD will assemble such other specialized apparatus, equipment and personnel as determined necessary by the initial incident commander.

5b. Carbon Monoxide Incident

The WBFD responds to calls for carbon monoxide with an ALS licensed ambulance with at least one paramedic and one emergency medical technician (EMT) at any level (basic, intermediate or paramedic) within eight (8) minutes of receipt of the call 90% of the time.

The WBFD will have assembled an ALS licensed ambulance, an engine, at least one paramedic, at least one EMT and at least four firefighters at the incident within sixteen minutes, 50% of the time.

6. Class 2 Hurricane (and lesser included storm events such as, but not limited to, blizzards, tropical storms and Class 1 hurricanes):

The WBFD will increase on-duty staffing of its station (from a current minimum staff of one) in preparation for storm events in the following manner –

Upon declaration of WATCH:	At least Four Firefighters for the duration of the WATCH.
Upon Declaration of WARNING:	At least Eight Firefighters for the duration of the WARNING.
During Storm Event:	At least Ten Firefighters for the duration of the Storm.