

Allegany County Emergency Services Board  
Fire Apparatus Staffing Policy

Effective August 13, 2013

1. **Purpose:** Define minimum fire apparatus staffing for each unit type in their response within Allegany County.

2. **Scope:** This policy will govern all fire apparatus response in Allegany County.

3. **Definitions:**

a. Engine or Engine-Rescue staffing: 3 personnel to include 2 trained firefighters and a driver / operator.

b. Tanker staffing: 2 personnel to include 1 trained firefighters and a driver / operator.

c. Squad staffing: 3 personnel to include 2 trained firefighters and a driver / operator.

d. Truck or Quint staffing: 3 personnel to include 2 trained firefighters and a driver / operator.

e. Under staffed: An apparatus responding with personnel below the minimum staffing level.

f. Minimum staffing: The minimum number of personnel necessary to perform a task assigned to that piece of apparatus.

g. Trained personnel: A firefighter trained to the firefighter I equivalent.

4. **Policy:**

a. Each responding apparatus will advise the dispatch center if they are under staffed. (i.e. "Engine 6-2 responding under staffed", this would signify that Engine 6-2 has a driver / operator and 1 or less trained firefighters.)

b. In the event that an apparatus goes responding under staffed, the dispatch center will verify with incident command to fill the understaffed apparatus position with an additional unit of the same type. If Command has not been established, the dispatch center will automatically fill the under staffed unit with the same type of unit.

Allegany County Emergency Services Board  
Fire Apparatus Staffing Policy

Effective August 13, 2013

5. **Administration:** This policy will remain in effect in its full form unless specifically altered by the Fire Service Committee and approved by the Allegany County Emergency Service Board.



Richard L. DeVore, Chairman  
Allegany County Emergency Services Board

8-13-2013  
Date