

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Standard Operating Procedures

100.05.03
SPECIAL OPERATIONS,
WATER TENDER
RESPONSE



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Procedure:

1. The on-duty crew will respond immediately in the assigned water tender when it is an automatic or mutual aid request.
2. When the incident is in-District:
 - a) Minimum of one qualified volunteer firefighter or qualified resident volunteer firefighter shall respond on the water tenders.
 - b) The company officer may, depending on staffing (3 or more), choose to split the engine company and respond the water tender in a task force configuration to fill the fire assignment.
 - c) An “immediate need” request from an officer may be requested through Dispatch. On duty crew will be notified by Dispatch that it is an “immediate need tender response” and will respond with a tender. The company officer may choose to split the engine company and respond the water tender in a task force configuration to fill the fire assignment.
 - d) If after five (5) minutes, or a re-tone, there is not a volunteer response, AND if the 820 officer still wishes the water tender to respond, he/she may direct on-duty staff to respond with the water tender
 - e) When the incident is going to be an extended amount of time, more than 4 hours, the 820 officer will ensure that the station is backfilled and place the engine back in service as soon as possible. Backfill assignments and staffing will be based on the needs of the District and availability of automatic or mutual aid resources to backfill stations.
3. When a qualified water tender operator arrives at the station and the water tender is no longer in the station, the operator may respond in a utility to relieve the on duty crews at the scene.
4. Water tender responses are to be no-code unless otherwise directed by a chief officer.