
Section: 5.2 Initial Fire Assignments

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SCOPE

This guideline applies to all South Metro Fire Department personnel responsible for emergency response.

PURPOSE

The guideline identifies a procedure to ensure appropriate and adequate response to fire emergencies in the Cities of South St. Paul and West St. Paul. This guideline also ensures adequate fire/ambulance units and personnel are available to respond as additional calls for service are received.

PROCEDURE

1. Fire units will be assigned according to the table below:

	Units Assigned
Fire Alarms <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single & Multi-Unit Residential• Commercial	1 Engine 1 Ladder
Special Hazard Alarms <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursing Homes• Assisted Living Facilities• High-Rise Apartments• Dakota County Service Center	2 Engines 2 Ladders
Structure Fires*	2 Engines 2 Ladders 1 Auto-Aid Engine/Ladder
Vehicle / Other Fires*	1 Engine 1 Ambulance

2. Unit assignments will be determined by CAD recommendations, resources needed, unit availability and the discretion of station officers.

* First due engine and ladder staff may be combined to create a 4 person engine for reported structure fires and vehicle fires.

3. Additional alarms will be initiated as needed at the discretion of Command.
4. An ALS ambulance will be dispatched to stand-by at the scene of all reported structure fires.