

MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM DIVISION #32

Policy and Procedure Statement #5 Division 32 Ladder Truck Strike Team

1.0 PURPOSE

This statement shall state the policy and procedures governing the assignment, dispatch, deployment, and operation of a Ladder Strike Team

2.0 SCOPE

This statement applies to all members of MABAS Division #32.

It is the intent of this procedure to provide ladder trucks to an area that does not normally have ladder trucks on the box alarm cards for that zone or special circumstances such as out-of-division mutual aid. Ladder trucks listed in the Division Resource Manual as available for *Greater Alarm Mutual Aid, Division 32 Move ups, and Out-of- Division Mutual Aid* may be assigned to the Ladder Strike Team.

3.0 BACKGROUND

A primary objective of MABAS Division #32 is to assist with needs for suppression operations. One of the needs of structural suppression operations is the need for ladder trucks. It is the intent of this policy to assign the required resources to assist with providing for this need, while not depleting resources in any one portion of the Division.

4.0 POLICY

1. The Division President shall appoint a committee to develop and maintain a Ladder Strike Team. The committee assigned to oversee the Ladder Strike Team shall be responsible for an annual update of the Strike Team. During the annual update, the committee shall rotate the alarm levels
2. The committee shall use apparatus listed in the Division Resource Manual as available for *Greater Alarm Mutual Aid, Division 32, Move-ups, and Out-of-Division Mutual Aid* for assignment to the Strike Team.
3. Each alarm level shall consist of five (5) ladder trucks. The ladder trucks shall be responsible for fire suppression.
4. The use of the Ladder Strike Team should not be utilized in place of a department's normal box card operations. The strike team is meant to provide aerial operations to an area that does not normally have ladder trucks on the box alarm card or special circumstances where the incident is overwhelming the resources on the box card. Included in special circumstance is any out of division requests.

5.0 Procedure

1. Requests for the Ladder Strike Team shall be forwarded to the Division 32 Dispatch Center (MECOMM-O'Fallon Dispatch).
2. MECOMM will inquire with the requesting agency the address of the incident, the staging area (if applicable) and the fireground communications channel being (to be) utilized.
3. MECOMM will notify the appropriate dispatch centers for the apparatus listed on the 1st alarm and provide all information about the request.
4. Upon going enroute, apparatus responding on the alarm shall notify MECOMM via IFERN that they are enroute, as well as when they arrive on the scene and when they clear the scene.
5. Normal operational status checks shall be the responsibility of the stricken agencies dispatch center.
6. Should a department not be available to respond, it shall be the responsibility of that department or that department's dispatch center to notify MECOMM that they are not available allowing MECOMM to assign a fill in unit.
7. Should an apparatus not be available on the stricken alarm level, MECOMM shall select the next unit on the next alarm level from the same zone to respond.
8. At the request of the incident commander, a second alarm from the Ladder Task Force may be fulfilled. Any requests for additional ladder trucks beyond the 2nd alarm shall be forwarded to the Division Incident Management Team, who will coordinate the additional request so as not to deplete any one area of the division of ladder trucks.
9. The Officer on the first unit from the strike team to arrive on the scene will become the strike team officer. The strike team officer shall contact incident command for assignment and confirm on scene communications

4.0 Adoption

This policy and procedure was adopted by MABAS Division #32, according to Bylaws Article IX at its regular meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

MABAS 32
Ladder Strike Team
Response list for 2023

Strike Team 1st Alarm		Strike Team 2nd Alarm
Columbia 1929		Cahokia 1429
East Side 2129		Belleville 1249
Fairmont City 2419		Freeburg 2719
Marissa 3419		Lebanon 3219
O'Fallon 4349		Fairview 2529