BROOKLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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RESPONSE GUIDELINES FOR TOWER 1

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Our District is fortunate enough to have a Tower Ladder to place in service. Responsibility comes with placing apparatus like this in service and the following shall be used as a guideline for responses in and out of our district. At no time should a member drive or operate this apparatus without being cleared to do so or otherwise “checked off” on this apparatus.

For residential calls inside the district:

Unconfirmed structure fire: If toned out for an unconfirmed structure fire, the tower may be responded after Engine one has responded with at least two firefighters and tanker one has responded with one firefighter.

Confirmed structure fire: If toned out for a confirmed structure fire within the district, the tower may respond after Engine One has responded with at least two firefighters and Tanker One has responded with one firefighter.

First-in Officers/Senior Firefighters should take every appropriate step to ensure that room is left for the tower to be close to the structure.

Commercial alarms/structure fire calls: If toned out for a commercial alarm/structure fire, Tower One may respond if Tanker One is responding, or it is confirmed that someone is responding with it. Tanker one is the primary supply apparatus equipped with five-inch supply hose.

Request for mutual aid: If a department request mutual aid for the tower, it should be approved by a Chief Officer if possible, if a Chief Officer cannot be reached, the senior qualified Firefighter should go down the chain of command starting with Captains. This approval can be given via phone if necessary.

While this is a guideline, every effort should be made to follow the above. If anyone must deviate from the guidelines, they should have just cause and be able to present that decision to the Chief of Department. Any questions regarding this policy should be routed through the chain of command.