

Battalion 1 Engine 91 SOG's

Purpose

The purpose of the Battalion 1 Engine 91 is to provide an engine company to supplement a multi-jurisdictional area with a manned crew of firefighters. This engine company would be able to respond to any alarm in the agreed upon Battalion 1 geographical area.

Requirements

The following requirements for a firefighter to participate in the engine 91 program consists of the following:

- I. Fire training (Interior Firefighter)- Either A or B, plus C
 - A. Completed EF/Basic Firefighter- plus one of the following
 1. Intermediate or Advanced Firefighter
 2. Initial Fire Attack (IFA)
 3. Other advanced fire courses (approval of your chief)
 - B. Completed NFPA 1001 Level 1
 - C. Completed OSHA training
 1. Safety/ Haz-mat refresher
 2. Blood borne pathogens refresher
 3. SCBA qualified with current fit test and physical
- II. Fire Training (Driver/Pump Operator)
 - A. Completed EF/Basic Training
 - B. Completed Pump Operator (or department equivalent)
 - C. Completed OSAH Training
 1. Safety/Haz-mat refresher
 2. Blood borne pathogens refresher
 3. SCBA current fit test and physical (does not need to be SCBA qualified just needs to be able to don a SCBA if conditions warrant)
- III. Fire Department authorization
 - A. Letter from Chief authorizing firefighter is interior qualified or qualified as a driver/pump operator.
 - B. Authorization for firefighter to participate in Engine 91 program.
- IV. Optional EMS Information
 - A. If the firefighter is certified as a CFR-EMT, etc. copies of the valid certification is required.
 - B. CPR is recommended for all participants- Copies of all certificates, CPR/EMS cards and letters from the Chief must be provided as proof that the firefighter meets all of the minimum requirements.

Insurance Coverage

The department hosting the Engine 91 during that shift will cover insurance coverage of the Engine 91. The member's department will cover the VFBL (workers compensation), and liability for the individual firefighter per NYS VFBL.

Any injuries sustained by any of the crew members, or damage to any equipment or apparatus should be immediately reported to the officer in charge and to the Chief of any department which has members involved with the shift.

Dispatch and Response

1. Dispatch
 - a. Fire Control will dispatch the Engine 91 to all alarms in any of the participating Engine 91 districts unless directed otherwise.
2. Response
 - a. The Engine 91 will respond code white to alarms that are not deemed life threatening, based on the current information available, by the officer in charge unless directed otherwise by fire control, or any other responding units on the alarm. The response can be upgraded to a code red response if deemed necessary by fire control or any other responding units on that alarm.
 - b. During EMS responses, if apparatus from the dispatched department gets 1scene by other units or fire control. The officer in charge may elect to continue to the scene if they are closer than the dispatched department's apparatus.
3. Arrival
 - a. The Engine 91 will follow the protocols of the department they are responding to with regards to laying in, positioning, etc. The officer in charge of the Engine 91 may use his/her best judgment and can deviate from the host's protocol if necessary.
 - b. Accountability will work as a two tag system, one with the truck and the other at the door of the structure until proper accountability is established.

Administration

1. There will be an Engine 91 committee for Battalion 1. The committee will consist of a chairman and co-chairman.
2. Battalion 1 will accept nominations, either verbal or written, for the committee chair and co-chair, which will be voted on by the coalition; with 1 vote per fire department present. The positions will last one year. If there is a resignation, the coalition as a group will appoint to fill the vacancy.
3. The position of committee chair and co-chair will be a one year term, from January 1st to December 31st. The chair and co-chair will not hold over two consecutive terms. After serving as committee chair or co-chair, an individual must wait a period of 1 year before being qualified to be elected again.
4. The Engine 91 chair and co-chair are responsible for making sure that the Engine 91 paperwork is processed, including making sure that each firefighter meets the minimum requirements (as reported to him/her) and keeps current copies of each participating firefighter's paperwork on file with the committee secretary.
5. The Engine 91 chair and co-chair will schedule and lead all the Engine 91 meetings. There should be at least one Engine 91 meeting per quarter.

Shift Coverages

1. Ideally, and whenever possible, an Engine 91 crew should be made up of members from at least two departments.
2. Morning shift will be from 0800 to 1200 hours.
Afternoon shift will be from 1200 to 1600 hours.
Shifts can start earlier or go longer if the crew desires. The times can be adjusted from this schedule with approval of 91 chair.
3. Shifts should be scheduled one week in advance. At the beginning of the shift, the officer in charge will notify fire control that the 91 Engine is in service.
4. If a shift is open, any of the participating departments may put a 91 Engine in service, with the approval of the 91 chair.
5. 91 Engines may not be put into service at a moments notice to respond to another departments alarm, and then taken out of service after the alarm. Call jumping will not be tolerated. The intent is to provide a staffed piece of apparatus for a 4 hour shift.

Call Credit/Service Awards

1. Individual credit for alarms will only be given if the alarm is in the home district of the firefighter on the Engine 91, or if the firefighters home district is a called to the alarm on a mutual aid status.
2. Participating on an Engine 91 shift gives the individual firefighter one credit for service awards program per fire departments plan.
3. Each individual firefighter is responsible for completing the necessary paperwork for their home department to get credit for the Engine 91 detail. The officer in charge of the shift will be responsible for completing the Engine 91 paperwork that is sent to the coordinators office and the Engine 91 chair for that multi-jurisdictional area.
4. At start of shift, call dispatch as "in service". Inform which Engine is in service and where stationed. Also you will call out to dispatch when in route to an alarm.

May Day Procedure for the Battalion 1 Engine 91:

The MAYDAY message will be used by firefighters to report their status as being lost, trapped or injured and in need of assistance or rescue. Any report of a MAYDAY will receive priority radio traffic. The term will be reserved ONLY to report a firefighter in need. The firefighter should immediately initiate the MAYDAY to the OIC, of his/her situation, followed by their location if possible. If possible they should also try to include the amount of air they have left. The important thing is not to delay the MAYDAY message as time is a very important tool in the rescue.

Through the accountability officer, the incident commander will maintain an awareness of the location of the firefighters on scene. In the event that a firefighter cannot be located or any time a firefighter is missing, a MAYDAY will be broadcast over the radio. It is the incident commander's responsibility to respond to a MAYDAY by notifying the RIT team on sight.

The incident commander will notify Oswego County 911 of the MAYDAY. The OIC will then make radio contact with the RIT team via 14-1. Dispatch should alert a tone over the radio to gain attention of the firefighters on scene to advise them of the situation, this is to allow those on the scene to keep an ear open for any information.

Battalion 1 Engine 91 Dress Code:

The dress code for the Engine 91 will be a Class B Uniform which will consist of:

- Black Boots
- Navy Blue EMS/BDU's
- Navy Duty Shirt/Job Shirt
- A Navy Uniform shirt

Should an individual not have any of the following items, then they are required to wear as much of a uniform as possible to look presentable. As we are representing our Departments as a whole we need to look professional.

Discipline

Any member of the Engine 91 who is found unbecoming a member, performing unsafe acts, or bad mouthing/putting down any other department that is involved with the Engine 91 will be dismissed from the team and not allowed back on. The matter will then be brought to the Chief of the individual for further clarification on the matter, after an investigation is done.