



Dorchester County Fire Rescue  
Standard Operating Guide # 1  
Automatic Aid



**Purpose:**

1. This document is established to outline procedures to be followed for dispatching Dorchester County Fire Departments under the Fire Department Automatic Aid Agreement.

**Reference:**

1. The Dorchester County Fire Protection Automatic-Aid Agreement dated September 1, 2005. This document was adopted in full by all 12 County Fire Chiefs.

**Responsibility:**

1. The Fire Board has is responsible for the review and updating of this guideline as necessary to ensure it continues to meet incident requirements.
2. The Fire Dispatcher is responsible for following these guidelines as appropriate for the reported incident.

**Procedures:**

1. Upon notification of a confirmed structure fire or fire alarm, the Fire Dispatcher will tone out the appropriate County Fire Department **and** the additional 2 departments as identified in the GeoLynx.
2. A confirmed structure fire is defined as one in which the caller reports that smoke and/or flames are showing. This includes any fire in the building including kitchen fires, electrical, etc. that has not been extinguished.
3. A structure is defined as a house, mobile home, commercial building, business, school or any other fixed structure.

\*Nothing in this SOG is intended to limit the Dispatchers ability to make a responsible decision on whether to dispatch multiple departments based on incident priorities or an incident that may require additional resources.

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Chairman, Dorchester County Fire Board

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