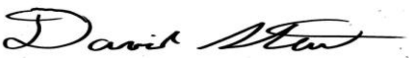


Payson Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures

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| Section: General Subject: Responses Outside Town Limits | SOP # 2.1.5 Date: 1/16 Revision Hx:  |
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the response to requests for service outside Town Limits or the jurisdiction of an Auto/Mutual Aid Partner. This SOP does not pertain to contract areas for service (e.g. East Verde Estates or Round Valley/Oxbow, etc.) or our mutual aid or automatic aid partners including the Tonto National Forest.

POLICY

The Town of Payson Fire Department will not provide service outside the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Payson or that of its contract partners or Auto/Mutual Aid Partners without clear evidence that there is a risk to the Town, its partners, or a life. The jurisdictional boundaries for normal Town of Payson Fire Department response are as follows:

- South to MP 247 on STHY 87
- North to MP 260 on STHY 87
- East to MP 254.8 or 3000 E State Route 260 (Town Limits)
- West to 2400 W. Doll Baby Ranch Rd (Town Limits)
- Any property within the current defined Town Limits
- Any property within a contracted jurisdiction boundaries (e.g. fire district boundaries)

PROCEDURE

This SOP does not apply if there is an Aid agreement of any kind in place with the requesting area.

Requests for response outside the jurisdictional boundaries defined above or to an auto-aid partner must be approved by the Battalion Chief on duty.

Dispatch

The decision to respond should be based upon a risk benefit analysis. Generally, the following conditions should be met:

- A governmental agency must have a representative on scene
- One of the following questions should be answered in the affirmative:
 - Is there an immediate life hazard?
 - Are there others values at risk, other than the building of origin?
 - Is there risk to the public lands around the building of origin?

- Does the risk to the public lands present a risk to the Town or one of its partners?
- The response to an out of Town emergency must not reasonably impact the ability to respond to Town emergencies (e.g. all three engines are in-service and the BC intends to send one engine).

Highway Calls

PFD will respond to requests for service outside the jurisdictional boundaries defined above, along State Highway 87 south of 247 to milepost 218, with the approval of Battalion 1, when any of the following conditions apply:

- DPS or another government agency is on scene requesting assistance for the following reasons:
 - An actual fire
 - Extrication
- Another Fire department is responding or on scene and is requesting assistance
- PMT ambulance is requesting assistance with extrication or patient treatment

PFD will normally not respond to other requests for service outside our jurisdictional boundaries or that of our Mutual/Automatic Aid partners without Battalion 1's approval.

Fire Tactics

The Payson Fire Department and its officers should ensure the safety of its personnel and the public when selecting tactics. The general approach to an out of area response is to confine the fire to the building/object of origin; a DEFENSIVE STRATEGY should be implemented, unless a **KNOWN** life hazard exists.

The officers of the Payson Fire Department are empowered to make decisions and tactical choices that meet the spirit of this SOP and all other SOPs including the Risk Management SOP.

Medical

Medical Responses within this SOP shall be handled as if they were in the Town limits.

Hazardous Material

PFD personnel will only provide operations level response to hazardous material incidents.