



**City of Winchester
Fire & Rescue Department
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**



Section: Operations	SOP: 7.3
Subject: Condition "D" Status	Effective: September 27, 2010 Revised: July 1, 2012
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SCOPE

To provide guidance to achieve optimum utilization of resources when incident call volume increases beyond crew resource management.

PURPOSE

When severe weather or other events affecting the community increases the need for fire & rescue services, the department must take measures to ensure that all potential hazards are handled in a systematic approach.

DEFINITION

Condition "D" is a state of readiness that reduces response protocol for resource utilization when there is an increase of call volume due to out of normal events (i.e. severe weather, power outages).

GUIDELINE

1. Condition "D" should only be placed in service when there is a definite need to spread resources out to manage the call volume at hand. This shall not be an automatic event even with approaching inclement weather.
2. **The Battalion Officer** or administrative officers of the department can notify ECC to place Condition "D" in service.
3. ECC will make a general announcement that Condition "D" has been placed in service and give the unit designator of the officer authorizing. (i.e. "Condition "D" is now in effect, authority Battalion 6")
4. ECC shall activate the officer page that includes all volunteer operational members and career officers. Volunteer personnel are requested to report to their stations to compliment the increased call volume.

5. During Condition “D”, all stations will be dispatched to manage their 1st due area. Other units may be assigned out of first due to handle the call volume.
6. Single engine and/or truck responses will be placed on all events except for incidents of high hazard (i.e. structure fires, building collapse)
7. **The Battalion Officer** and administrative officers shall monitor call volume at all times making sound decisions for response.
8. **The Battalion Officer** or administrative officers should cease Condition “D” status when the call volume returns to normal.