

# **BODEGA BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

<b>STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES</b>	Article: 2	SOG # 2-3
	References: N/A	
	Subject: <b>RESPONDING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS and OFF-DUTY PERSONNEL</b>	

- 1) When a call tone-out is received, log onto "I Am Responding" (IAR). Upon arrival at the station, check the IAR status board for other responding Volunteers before leaving. Respond to the call scene in an appropriate second due apparatus, if approved to operate that apparatus. Communicate with Control 2 with your apparatus designator and Personnel Accountability Report (PAR). If your resource is not needed, the Captain will cancel you while enroute. Return for station coverage.

An exception would be a routine call such as a lock out, alarm reset, public assist, etc. where additional assistance would not ordinarily be needed given a standard 3-person response. In these cases, cover the station.

- 2) Volunteers who respond with a District apparatus shall remain with that unit until directed otherwise by the Captain or Incident Commander.
- 3) If a Volunteer responds to the station on a call of a priority nature, and no qualified driver is available, contact the Captain on the radio and request direction. The Captain may approve the Volunteer to respond to the scene in his/her Privately Owned Vehicle (POV). If communications contact cannot be made, cover the station.
- 4) If the duty crew is out-of-District on an extended response, advise Control 2 that the "Bodega Bay Station is Staffed" and remain for station coverage and a second call in-District.
- 5) Volunteer response shall not extend out-of-District unless requested by the ordering point. A responding BLS resource shall always remain in-District.
- 6) A Volunteer shall respond to a call in a District apparatus unless:
  - a) The call is close by one's residence or the Volunteer will pass the call scene while traveling to the station. An exception is moving to staff 8845.
  - b) The nature of the call dictates immediate response ("Code Blue"; major trauma; water rescue for swimmers, or other immediate life/limb dispatch);
  - c) The Volunteer has been approved by the Volunteer Coordinator and the Fire Chief for "independent action" response and possesses an equipped medical bag and/or water rescue gear.
  - d) Probationary Volunteers will always respond to the station for all types of calls.

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- 7) When responding in a POV, communicate with Control 2, i.e. "Control 2 – BDB 8815 responding"; "Control 2 – BDB 8815 on-scene"; "Control 2 – BDB 8815 available".
  
- 8) District vehicles and POVs shall be operated in full compliance with the California Vehicle and District Standard Operating Guidelines. Remember - "It's Not Your Emergency". Our training on "Buckle Up" and "ARRIVE ALIVE" should be paramount in your mind when responding to the station or a call.

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