

# El Dorado County Fire Protection District

## Standard Operating Guideline

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**Article: 3 Emergency Operations**  
**Section: 30 AERIAL Apparatus Response**

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### 1. Purpose:

The purpose of this procedure is to establish guidelines for the deployment of fire district apparatus to incidents both within and outside the district's response area. This procedure also grants the Duty Chief Officer the authority to modify these guidelines as operational needs dictate.

### 2. Definitions:

NFPA 1901: Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus.

ECC: Emergency Command Center, "Camino" Dispatch center.

### 3. Guideline:

The El Dorado County Fire Protection District currently cross-staffs an aerial apparatus at Station 28. This guideline establishes directions for its response, referring to training guidelines for tactics and proper use.

The district will collaborate with the ECC to develop a dispatch matrix aligned with these guidelines.

The aerial apparatus shall respond to all commercial structure fires and multi-family structure fires within the district's boundaries and outside the district as necessary. It may also be requested for other special incidents at the discretion of the Duty Chief.

The district's intent, and/or at the discretion of the Duty Chief, is to fully staff the apparatus when responding, ensuring that all personnel cross-staff the aerial and avoid responding in "tandem."

For incidents outside Station 28's response area listed in the dispatch matrix, the aerial apparatus shall respond as directed. If an incident is within Station 28's "first due" area, the engine shall respond initially, with the expectation that another district engine may retrieve the aerial apparatus if required.

Additionally, it is the district's expectation that the aerial apparatus will respond to any Commercial and or Multifamily structure fires at the Red Hawk Casino and/or on the reservation."

### 4. Staffing:

The district's staffing model for its first-out apparatus consists of a Captain, Engineer, and Firefighter.

All apparatus must be operated by qualified personnel. While the district acknowledges that operational needs may necessitate adjustments to staffing, only qualified personnel are authorized to operate apparatus.

Refer to the district's training manual for operator qualification requirements.

### 5. Response:

The district adheres to the dispatch matrix established through the Emergency Communication Center (ECC). This matrix is reviewed annually by the Operations Chiefs and the Fire Chief's Association. Any changes or requests must be submitted through these channels.

The ECC dispatches resources as requested by individual agencies while aligning with the county's "Dropped Boundary Guidelines."