

**Manasquan Fire Department
Manasquan Fire District #1
Standard Operating Guideline**

210.08

Title: Single Unit Responses

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Purpose: To establish a procedure for Fire Department personnel to follow when under certain circumstances, a full department response to alarms/incidents is not required. These alarms will be dispatched as a "Single Unit Response".

Scope: This procedure is to be followed by all Fire Department members. Authority to deviate from this procedure rests with the Chief, Deputy Chief, or their designee, who is solely responsible for the results of any deviation.

General:

210.08.01 Definitions

- **Single Unit Response**

One Chief Officer and one fire engine or truck to respond to scene

- **In Service**

Apparatus en-route to call

- **Types of Single Unit Response Alarms and Incidents**

Outdoor smoke condition with no visible fire

Outside odor of natural gas

Possible malfunction of a smoke or CO detector

Tree limbs in wires

Small amount of fluid leaking from a vehicle

Elevator rescue

Lock outs and lock ins where specialized equipment may be needed

Major water leaks/fire sprinkler leaks

210.08.02 Procedures

Upon receiving dispatch notification (fire siren and pager activation) of a Single Unit Response the following shall be adhered to:

- Responding members shall use normal safe driving practices when reporting to their assigned stations. They shall use prudent discretion regarding blue light use when responding to their respective fire stations in their private vehicles.
- Only the first fire engine or truck to call in service to dispatch shall respond to the location. All other units shall remain at their stations unless requested by command to respond.
- The Fire Chief and or Deputy Chief shall respond directly to the scene and if necessary upgrade the alarm. This will be done by calling dispatch and requesting another page out for a **“General Alarm”**.
- Fire Police personnel are also to respond to their assigned fire stations following the above response guidelines. They shall not respond to the scene unless requested by Command.

