

Special Order

Lawrence-Douglas County
Fire Medical Department

TO: All Department Members and Employees

FROM: Division Chief Stark

DATE: July 27, 2011

SUBJECT: North Lawrence - Kansas River Bridge Resurfacing
Staffing and Response Plan – Version 1

Effective Date(s) July 27, 201 – October 15, 2011 (approximate)

Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to ensure access and provide fire and medical services to North Lawrence residents during evening peak traffic times. The northbound and southbound bridges are being resurfaced starting with the outside lanes. Once work is completed on the outside lanes work will shift to the inside lanes. The work period is scheduled to last 60 to 75 days starting July 25th, 2011. This plan covers weekdays but may be extended to other times by a Shift Commander based on information or events that would substantially prevent northbound bridge access.

Special Events and Community Events

The on-duty shift commander and division chief managing special events shall monitor and make determinations of additional coverage is required. i.e. KU events or downtown community events.

Standby Communications

Tender One is normally on duty in the CAD so there is no need to place it on duty and it should not be placed off duty when completed. No communications with dispatch is necessary when reporting for this assignment. Shift Commanders are aware of this daily assignment and should be notified if there is a delay due to apparatus or personnel.

Tender Staging

During evening peak traffic times (1630-1830) Tender One should remain north of the river when not on an incident.

Tender One currently has no identified staging location and will remain flexible locating at strategic locations as needed.

Tender Responses

Tender One will respond on all alarms in North Lawrence and Grant Township while staffed for this standby. While on standby Tender One will not be automatically assigned by CAD to calls in North Lawrence, the company officer will need to monitor the radio and add Tender One to calls. They should not respond to alarms south of the river bridges unless assigned by the Shift Commander or an Incident Commander working an incident needing their assistance. Incidents that occur on the bridges will quickly cause traffic backups so get as much information as possible before committing to a particular response route.

Tender One will respond on all alarms which they are recommended by CAD including county tender alarms.

Alternate response from Interstate – 70

Multi-unit incidents occurring in North Lawrence/Grant Township will have responses modified to add additional units during peak traffic time. Second due units should communicate with first due units and approach incidents via I-70 when necessary.

Radio communications between units should coordinate response route and units that will respond via I-70 should include this in their response transmission i.e. "Q3 responding via I-70"

All units shall continue response until First Arriving units access North Lawrence or Command is established and units are released.