



General Order Number 17

August 28, 2012

To Officers and Members

Johnson Creek Fire & EMS Department

Effective August 28, 2012

Command Car 20

The purpose of Command Car 20 (red Ford Crown Victoria) is to enable the on-duty Incident Commander to arrive on emergency scenes in advance of other apparatus in order to size up the emergency, call for additional resources if needed, and begin planning the response. Car 20 policy and scheduling of chief officers will be the responsibility of the Deputy Chief.

Command Car 20 Staffing

Command Car 20 will be staffed 24 hours x 7 days per week x 365 days per year, unless the Chief, the Deputy Chief, and all Assistant Chiefs are unavailable. While the on-duty Incident Commander has possession of Car 20, they will keep the car with them at all times, and stay within a proximity of the village that will allow them to reach the emergency scenes in advance of other apparatus. This means that Car 20 can be brought home, to workplaces, and on errands. When it is not possible to staff Car 20, it must be staged in the station parking lot. When Car 20 is not in service the person in the officer's seat on the first engine out will be in command.

Car 20 Radio Protocol

When JCFED is paged to a fire call, Car 20 will acknowledge the page and call "en route" with Dispatch, proceed directly to the scene to begin size up, request additional resources if needed, and make assignments to other responding units. Upon arrival, Car 20 will advise Dispatch that they are "on-scene." The first Fire Apparatus to leave the station will radio Dispatch as "en route" and move to the Fireground Red channel, no scan. They will notify Car 20 when they arrive on-scene. Each Ambulance to leave the station (if dispatched) will also radio Dispatch as "en route" and move to Fireground Red, no scan. They will notify Car 20 when they arrive on-scene. Each additional Fire Apparatus will notify Car 20 when en route, and when they arrive

on-scene. Car 20 will advise Dispatch when the first Fire Apparatus and each Ambulance arrives on-scene, and will give staging or assignment orders to all incoming units, as well as a size up, as appropriate.

A more detailed policy concerning Command Car 20 will be forthcoming.

This order will take effect and be in force on and after 0700 hours on the date indicated.

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Fire Chief