



## **TWIN STATE MUTUAL AID FIRE ASSOCIATION**

### **MUTUAL AID FIRE RESPONSE ESSENTIALS**

1. Responding as a Cover Truck is not an emergency response and accordingly the response should be flow of traffic. Take time to have a full crew as it is not an emergency.
2. A Cover Truck should have 3 interior firefighters (minimum of 2) and an operator. If covering a department that provides EMS at least one firefighter should be an EMT if possible.
3. An engine responding to structural fire should have 3 interior firefighters (minimum of 2) and an operator.
4. An interior firefighter must be SCBA qualified and clean shaven per the Twin State SOG. Failure to be clean shaven per the SOG will result in the firefighter being asked to remove the SCBA by the Safety Officer.
5. Firefighters should not respond in private vehicles to a Mutual Aid Response.
6. If a Department cannot adequately provide personnel on a mutual aid response advise dispatch and they will dispatch another Department. Apparatus without adequate personnel is typically of minimal value on a mutual aid response.
7. Interior firefighters who respond on mutual aid calls should have adequate training and experience not to be a hazard to themselves or others with full structural PPE.
8. Firefighters responding mutual aid to wildland fire should be properly dressed in forestry clothes, gloves, and boots. Structural PPE is not acceptable on a wildland fire.
9. Firefighters will be expected to enter rehabilitation as per Twin States Standard Operating Guidelines.
10. On all mutual aid responses, a Staging Officer and Staging area will be established. Responding units should report to Staging where the Staging Officer will provide assignments. Individual units should not be requesting an assignment from Command once staging has been assigned. There should be no freelancing.