Purpose: To achieve a uniform approach when responding to and operating at multi-company fire-ground incidents consistent with best Incident Command System (ICS) practices and principles. Examples include radio box alarms, local alarms, possible structure fires, reported or confirmed structure fires, and home alarms.

- It shall be the goal of the NKFD to dispatch a minimum of eleven (11) personnel to radio box alarms, local alarms, possible structure fires, and home alarms.
- It shall be the goal of the NKFD to dispatch a minimum of fifteen (15) personnel to reported or confirmed structure fires.

Incident volume may reduce the number of personnel/companies available to respond. In such cases, the fire alarm operator and/or shift commander shall alter the initial dispatch to adhere to the above minimums.

The above shall be achieved in accordance with NKFD response policy.

Individual Company Assignments:

1. First Arriving Engine Company
    - Stage apparatus in manner consistent with engine and ladder company best practices.
    - If deemed appropriate the company officer may elect to lay feeder/supply line into the scene.
    - Provide detailed size-up upon arrival.
    - If deemed appropriate relay pertinent information and/or orders to incoming companies and/or shift commander.
    - Place the first attack line into service to support containment, rescue, and exposure protection.

2. Second Arriving Engine Company (If not directed to water supply functions)
    - Stage apparatus in manner consistent with engine and ladder company best practices.
        - Leave front of building accessible for ladder company operations
    - In the absence of sufficient personnel (Rescue company) immediately report to the first due engine officer for orders and to assist with ongoing fire-ground activities.
    - If first due engine company has sufficient personnel available to conduct assigned operations, immediately report to command for assignment.

3. Third-Arriving Engine Company
    - Water supply
    - Stage apparatus in manner consistent with engine and ladder company best practices.
        - Leave front of building accessible for ladder company operations.
    - Report to command for an assignment.

4. Additional Incoming Engine Company(s)
    - Stage apparatus in manner consistent with engine and ladder company best practices.
        - Leave front of building accessible for ladder company operations
    - Report to command for an assignment.

5. First-Arriving Ladder Company
    - Size-up and placement:
        - Front or corner of the building
        - Ladder as required
    - Search and rescue
    - Ventilation
    - Utilities
    - Forced Entry

6. First-Arriving Rescue Company
    - Stage apparatus in manner consistent with engine and ladder company best practices.
        - Rescue should be positioned in a way to allow quick egress from the scene in the event it is necessary to transport a patient from the scene in an expedited manner.
    - In the absence of sufficient personnel immediately report to the first due engine officer for orders and to assist with ongoing fire-ground activities.
    - If first due engine company has sufficient personnel available to conduct assigned operations, immediately report to command for assignment.

7. First-Arriving Command Vehicle (Deputy Fire Chief)
    - Stage vehicle in manner consistent with engine and ladder company best practices.
    - Establish and announce the location of an effective operating position (Command Post).
    - Obtain report from on-scene personnel.
    - Request appropriate resources as necessary.
    - Utilize best practices and principles of ICS.