



Dothan Fire Department POLICY	
Policy Name:	Engine Company Move Up
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I. PURPOSE

To facilitate an efficient deployment of engine companies due to extended out of territory assignments.

II. POLICY

1. When an engine company is on assignment in territory other than that which is assigned, that company remains available for calls and is placed on move-up status at the station/location of the detail.
2. Move-up status will allow an engine to be dispatched in the territory to which they are moved up. The moved up engine will not necessarily have primary responsibility for their normally assigned territory. Response is based on the closest unit and is intended to provide for minimum response times.
3. An on duty chief officer, acting chief or duty officer shall make assignments for move up. The engine moving up shall announce to communications that they are moving up and instruct communications to place the engine on move up status at the disclosed location. ***Remember that the lowest number engine may be dispatched first if two units are in one station.***
4. Move up may be based on the discretion of the chief officer/acting chief to provide optimal coverage due to multi-unit responses, training sessions, special assignments, or station closures.
5. Engines should respond based on the most rapid response to a call. When dispatched, that engine should respond; if another engine is closer, that information should be communicated and the call taken by that engine. When more than one engine is available from the same location, the communications center may rotate calls between those engines. Rotation confusion must be eliminated as much as possible.
6. The Captain of each engine should monitor and manage the call rotation at all times especially when one engine may be BLS and one engine is ALS.
7. The Unit on move-up status may only terminate move-up status and return to their respective station upon being reassigned by a Chief, or Acting Chief Officer.

III. RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY

The Fire Chief reserves the authority to amend, modify, or change this policy.

IV. APPROVAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is adopted and approved on this 27th day of April, 2021.

(Signature On File)

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Fire Chief

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