

**BULLETIN**

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**DATE:** March 23, 2023

**TO:** All Personnel

**FROM:** David Gerboth, Assistant Fire Chief, Emergency Operations

**SUBJECT:** Removal of Copters from Structure Fire – Commercial Responses

Effective March 23, 2023, a helicopter will no longer be assigned automatically to 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm or greater structure fire – commercial/apartment responses. A helicopter will remain on the dispatch matrix for greater alarm high-rise/hospital fire responses.

The data compiled over the past several years does not justify the automatic assignment on the response. As with other incident types where the Copter is not auto-assigned, the Incident Commander can make the request as needed.