

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish common practices while responding to stage/stand back situations in a neighboring zone. Each of the four zones (Metro, Central, North, and East) have differing stand back/stage policy's due to differing types of law enforcement presence, policies and procedures, response times, drawdown levels, and call volume.

**Policy:**

This policy should be used by the Emergency Dispatch Center when utilizing resources from a neighboring zone responding to dangerous or suspicious incidents. This policy will ensure both the requesting Emergency Dispatch Center and assisting neighboring zone resource have a common expectation during out of zone stage responses.

**Definitions:**

**Stage/Stand back for law enforcement situation:**

- Gunshot or stabbing incidents, including suicide attempts but, excluding accidental shooting or stabbing incidents.
- Assault or altercations in progress or assailant(s) still at scene.
- Domestic disputes.
- Any incident in which emergency communication dispatch center believes that dangerous circumstances may exist at scene.
- Drug overdose with violent and/or irrational behavior.

**Stage/Stand back location:**

- Out of view from the incident location.
- Approximately two-blocks away or within a one -minute response to the scene.

**Procedure:**

- Units will proceed to the incident location, wearing proper PPE, when emergency communication dispatch center advises it is “clear to enter” or if company officer receives real time information that the scene has become clear or the situation differs from initial reports and notifies dispatch center.
- Units staging for 10 or more minutes are clear to request an update from the emergency communication dispatch center on assigned frequency regarding scene situation.
- Fire emergency communication dispatch center will contact law enforcement for scene update.
- Out of zone assisting resource will not self-initiate responses to other calls on the neighboring zone.