

POLICY NO:	PS 002
POLICY TITLE:	MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRAINED FIRE FIGHTERS IN A DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT:	PROTECTIVE SERVICES
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Policy Statement:

All fire departments must maintain a minimum number of trained fire fighters in order to ensure / protect the life of the volunteers and provide effective firefighting services on behalf of County residents.

Purpose:

1. To ensure that safety concerns are being considered with all aspects of firefighting.
2. To ensure that there is available personnel for each and every fire call that they are dispatched to.

Limit Guidelines:

1. There must be a minimum of 5 fire fighters per department at any given period of time.
2. There must be a minimum of 4 trained fire fighters that are available to fight fire at any given time (24 hrs) to respond to a fire call.
3. Each department will provide an updated list to the County Fire Protection Coordinator of personnel at their respective departments by March 1 and September 1 for each year.

Application of Guidelines:

1. If a sufficient number of trained fire fighters are not available, the County will not supply equipment to the department until the number of trained fire fighters are brought up to the County standards.
2. If an insufficient number of trained fire fighters respond or are not available for a fire call; they must defer the call to another department to respond.
3. If the updated lists are not received the County will presume trained firefighters are not available.