

Rockingham County
Fire Dispatch

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The storm plan will modify normal dispatch and response plans in accordance with the following:

- All efforts will be made that each department be manned during the Storm Plan activation.
- The response to structural fire alarms will be limited to a single station **unless** there is additional information that would indicate an actual fire.
- Unit traffic will be strictly limited to checking Enroute, arrival on scene, size up, scene under control, and request for additional resources.
- CCom will activate the County Fire All Call pager and formally announce the Storm Plan activation, followed up with an alpha page to the Fire All Call group.
- The Rockingham County Emergency Services Director, Rockingham County Fire Marshal Staff, Fire Chief Council President and/or Chairman of Fire Communication Committee may activate the Storm Plan upon the treat of and/or imminent storm activity.
- **Power lines down:** In the event that notification regarding a power line is made to CCom, the fire department will be dispatched if a fire is imminent, an actual fire is occurring the power line is on a structure and/or vehicle, or a roadway is blocked. All other reported lines down will be diverted to Duke Energy.
- As call volume returns to that which is routinely anticipated, CCom will activate the County Fire All Call pager and formally announce that the Storm Plan has been canceled; this will be followed up with an alpha page to the Fire All Call group.

Tree Down Incidents during Storm Plan Activation:

This protocol will be used during weather related events that produce multiple trees down incidents.

- CCom will dispatch the incident via RC Fire Dispatch. The effected fire station will coordinate the incident at their level.
- The station will acknowledge the call via RC Fire Dispatch and switch to the predesignate talkgroup to coordinate the incident with the appropriate crew / apparatus.
- The station will be responsible to fill out a incident log, containing the date, location, dispatch time, arrival time, cleared time. This log will be faxed or emailed to CCom to be entered into the CAD system as time permits.
- A pre-determined repeated talkgroup for each station will be shared during this event. Be mindful of Radio Traffic. They will only be shared for tree down incidents.
- The following repeated talkgroup list will be utilized:
 - Events - Sta. 10, 30, 40, 140, 150, 180
 - Training – Sta. 20, 80, 160, 170, 210, 220
 - RC EM – Sta. 50, 60, 70, 120, 130