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## Procedure:

- A. The number of fire apparatus responding to specific types of calls has changed as follows:
  - 1. There will be an initial response reduction for bomb threats. We will not respond unless a device is found and our services are needed. Once a device is found, a response will be initiated.
  - 2. There will be an initial response reduction for residential and commercial fire alarms. Unless there is some indication of an extended problem or fire, one unit will be dispatched to these alarms. In target occupancies, (hospitals, care homes, etc.) a full response will be dispatched as usual.
  - 3. There will be an initial response reduction for a vehicle that strikes a structure. When it is confirmed that a non-injury accident has occurred, one unit will be dispatched. Otherwise, a full response will be dispatched when injuries or structural instability occurs.

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- 4. There will be an initial response reduction for hazardous materials incidents. For incidents where there are minor spills or leaks from non-commercial vehicles, there will be a one unit response. These calls will also be defined as hazardous condition responses versus hazardous materials responses. If a major incident has occurred or a commercial vehicle is involved, a full response will be initiated.
- B. Every call is taken on a case-by-case basis and responses can be changed when necessary.
- C. Fire members may make response upgrade requests if they have information to necessitate an upgrade.
- D. Duty Chiefs may upgrade or change responses when additional information dictates a response change. Members shall advise the Duty Chief on how these responses changes are going and make positive recommendations when necessary.