

TFS Career Crews and Responses
Agreement between the TFS and the UFU

Crew sizes shall be in accordance with Clause 62 – Crew Sizes of the *Tasmanian Fire Fighting Industry Employees' Industrial Agreement 2010*.

"The first responding crew to an incident shall consist of no fewer than one officer and three firefighters. Until an incident is deemed safe by the officer in charge, a crew no fewer in number than the first responding crew shall remain in attendance.

A crew may be required to respond to an incident with more than one vehicle."

Note: These words mean that in an initial response, crews of 1 and 3 may travel in convoy to an incident in a combination of vehicles, but not from different locations arriving at the incident at different times, e.g. a response to bush fire could be a tanker and a light tanker from the same station. This might also apply in relation to rescue or an aerial appliance from the same station.

Crews that have been split for any reason (operations, fire watch, training, etc) are deemed not to count as a crew for the purposes of first response.

Incident controllers may request and be provided with additional resources (over and above 1 and 3) to an incident. These additional resources may respond with less than a crew of 1 and 3 provided that brigade recall rules are observed. District Officers and their delegates are to optimise community protection as a priority.

MINIMUM AREA COVERAGE (all crews 1 & 3)

Definitions

For the purposes of this agreement

"committed" means that in the opinion of the incident controller the redirection/non-attendance of the attending crew would/could result in further damage or injury at that incident. This opinion is to be based on information received on arrival or additional information received en-route. Calls that are not 'working incidents' i.e. calls that do not require work beyond investigation / reinstatement including direct brigade alarms (no fire) require District Officer approval prior to a recall being initiated.

"Automatic recall" means call back as specified in the *Tasmanian Fire Fighting Industry Employees Award*.

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HOBART

1 CREW NORTHERN SUBURBS

1 CREW HOBART

1 CREW EASTERN SHORE

1 CREW IN THE BRIGADE AREA (which may be involved in training activities, but will be available for immediate response).

Automatic recall when the third last crew will be committed, at an incident, for 30 minutes.

LAUNCESTON

1 CREW LAUNCESTON

1 CREW ROCHERLEA

Automatic recall when the last crew will be committed, at an incident, for 30 minutes.

BURNIE

1 CREW AT ALL TIMES

Automatic recall when the on duty crew will be committed, at an incident, for 30 minutes.

DEVONPORT

1 CREW AT ALL TIMES

Automatic recall when the on duty crew will be committed, at an incident, for 30 minutes.

Conclusion

Except in relation to the requirement to attend incidents or for training, maximum possible coverage of crews is to be maintained. Crews can only be reduced from the maximum possible coverage for the purposes of operations or planned training in the region.

All reasonable efforts are to be made to ensure that there is an equitable sharing of workloads across individual shifts and brigades.

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Signed this 27th day of October

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