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From: Matt Maounis <mattmaounis@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 23, 2016 7:06 PM
To: Jankowski, Ted
Cc: Roach, Trevor; Chief Frank Jacobellis; Melzer, Franklin; Mark J. Kovack; Morris, Robert; Board of Representatives; Asst. Chief Matthew Maounis
Subject: Re: LRFC response to TRFD district - July 6th email follow up

Why not all calls

On Jul 23, 2016 6:54 PM, "Jankowski, Ted" <TJankowski@stamfordct.gov> wrote:
As previously discussed there were issues with software upgrades and the new CAD. AC Robles corrected the situation you described immediately. LRFD units will be recommended closest to the address on ems calls.

Please let AC Morris know of any other issue(s) or concerns that may arise.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Ted Jankowski
Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 22, 2016, at 3:35 PM, Matthew Maounis <mattmaounis@gmail.com> wrote:

Director Jankowski:

I understand that you are out of town, so you haven't had the time to address me directly regarding my July 6th email. I did have a conversation with AC Morris about this subject. He informed that the run cards were changed so that LRFC is now on EMS calls into the northern TRFD district and their tanker should also be responding, but their other fire apparatus will not respond automatically. He didn't explain how/why they were taken off the run cards either. I don't understand why this is the case; for more than 40 years LRFC has sent their apparatus into our district. Their firefighters have always been useful to the TRFD crews responding. We all can agree that if the engine responds with only one person it is limited to what the one person can do. Let explore that for a minute.

Earlier today TRFD along with SFD was dispatched to Brushwood Road for a possible structure fire/grill on fire near the home. LRFC station 2 can beat any unit responding from TRFD station 1 by about 2 minutes. By the time I arrived on the scene (with E8) the homeowners son got a fire extinguisher and had put the fire out. Here is a case where a lone untrained person was able to put the fire out. The grill was 3 feet from a fiberglass sided house with a soffit 10 feet up. If

the fire had spread to the house it would have gotten in to soffit/roof of the garage and the damage to the home could have been catastrophic.

Also on this call LRFC tanker was not automatically dispatched, as AC Morris was informed it should have been. I do know that that mistake was recognized and it is being looked into as I write this. LRFC tanker comes from their station 1 usually with only 1 firefighter. It has to maneuver itself through the northern tight roads of Stamford to get to that part of town. LRFC engine from station 2 can at the very least double the amount of water supply on the scene for minutes until the 3rd due fire apparatus arrives.

Once again you have to know with the firefighting experience you have how much a fire can spread in 3 minutes. Much like the last fire up north the homeowner, an untrained public citizen was able to prevent further loss to their home. Just imagine what a trained firefighter can do.

This response protocol is providing a lesser service to these homes than what they were once getting when LRFC was automatically dispatched. Taxpayers in this town who have seen their taxes increase every year, shouldn't be getting a lesser service than they were once getting, especially if the resources haven't been cut. Let's stop putting the taxpayers at risk at get them back to the level they once had.

Thank you

Matthew Maounis

Assistant Chief

Turn of River Fire Department.