Bath Township Fire Department			Standard Operating Guideline	
Section **Operations**	**Referral No.** **O-14**	**Subject:** **Alarm Sequence**	**Date Issued** **3/06**	**Date Revised** **3/08**

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for multiple alarm fires.

Scope:

- This standard operating guideline shall apply to all personnel.

Responsibilities:

- Officer
  - Ensure that personnel respond properly.
  - Provide direction based on the Incident Management System.
  - Ensure the safety of all personnel.
- Personnel
  - All personnel have the responsibility of following the direction of Incident Command.
  - All personnel have the responsibility to wear the proper safety equipment and to operate in a safe manner.

Guidelines:

- **SAFETY OF OUR PERSONNEL IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.**
- **Activating alarms will be the responsibility of the Incident Commander; Dispatch Center shall be notified of the alarm level requested.**

- Alarm activating procedure:

  - **First alarm response:**
    - Normal response per incident specific SOG.
    - Two on-duty full-time personnel will respond in appropriate apparatus based on call type/location.
    - Two on-call EMS personnel will respond to the station for the medic unit.
    - All available intermittent employees will respond to the station to acquire proper apparatus per Apparatus Response Sequence standard.
    - This is an automatic **"full response".**
    - Dispatch center will activate an additional tone and repeat the emergency message, call type, and location.
    - A text message will be sent to all personnel by the dispatch center.

- **Second alarm response**

- Dispatch center will activate an additional tone and repeat the emergency message, call type, and location.
- A text message will be sent to all personnel by the dispatch center.
- Requested mutual-aid agencies respond to the scene
- Most appropriate mutual-aid department will be put on stand-by at their station to cover Bath Township
- Notify the Fire Chief by phone if he is not already on scene or enroute.
- One ALS Medic-Unit, from Private EMS, requested to the scene

- **Third alarm response**

- Dispatch center will activate an additional tone and repeat the emergency message, call type, and location.
- A text message will be sent to all personnel by the dispatch center.
- All additional requested mutual aid will report to the scene with requested apparatus/manpower.
- The next most appropriate agency will be called to man the Bath Township Fire Department fire station with one Engine (4 firefighters) and one Medic-Unit (with at least one ALS provider.)
- All additional EMS calls will be forwarded to a private ambulance company to handle.

- **Fourth alarm**

- Command bus from DHS/EMA dispatched to the scene

- Public Information Officer (PIO) established in a designated area for media communication.
- Additional mutual aid agencies requested to staging area to rotate personnel as needed