Altoona and Des Moines Fire Departments

Operational Resource Sharing - Update

Des Moines City Council Work Session
Monday May 21, 2018
Structure fire in Altoona

If the fire is in Altoona, Des Moines Fire Department dispatches a ladder truck, ambulance, and District Chief.

Benefits: Improved fire ground staffing, aerial/ground ladders if needed, command and control assistance, and EMS for victims/firefighters.
Structure fire in Des Moines

When a structure fire occurs in the northeast corner of Des Moines – an Altoona Engine responds if available.

Benefits: Improved response time, water on the fire sooner, increased likelihood that victims can be rescued/survive the fire.
Mutual response for structure fires

Since February 5, 2018 - DMFD has responded to Altoona on 4 alarms.

Since February 5, 2018, a structure fire has not occurred in Des Moines within the mutual response area. Consequently, Altoona has not responded to Des Moines.
Altoona mutual response area – west of 17th Avenue SW / NE 64th Street

Des Moines mutual response area – east of East 38th Street / East 42nd Street
Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Mutual Response

Begins Monday May 21, 2018 @ 0700

Objectives:
Improve response times
Provide timely emergency medical care
Improve patient care outcomes
Medical Emergency in Altoona

When Altoona is unavailable, Des Moines Fire Department will dispatch our nearest ambulance and fire truck. Des Moines medics will treat and transport the patient.
Medical Emergency in Des Moines

When Medic 3, which serves the northeast corner of Des Moines is not available to respond, our next closest ambulance and fire truck will be dispatched.

An Altoona ambulance, if available, will respond to the medical emergency.
Medical Emergency in Des Moines – continued

When the Altoona ambulance arrives on scene, the Des Moines ambulance that was responding will return to service.

The Des Moines fire truck company will continue to the scene and provide assistance to the Altoona medics as needed.
Providing patient care together

The Altoona and Des Moines Medical Directors have been involved with the process.

A standard operating guideline has been developed to create consistency when managing medical emergencies together.

A system to exchange medications and disposable medical supplies has been established.
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