

**FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE**

SUBJECT	EFFECTIVE DATE	RESCINDS
Storm Mode	March 16, 2011	N/A
REFERENCE NUMBER		PAGES
DCFC-014		1

PURPOSE:

Storm Mode is an efficient response mode to increase available equipment during high volume response periods caused by severe weather.

GUIDELINE:

1. On the approach of severe weather, DelComm (or at the request of an Officer-in-Charge for their jurisdiction), may place the entire County or portion thereof, in Storm Mode. This decision may be made by the Tour Commander based on radar indications or response trends of departments already encountering the storm.
2. DelComm shall alert all County Fire Chiefs through an initial text page. DelComm shall then alert Departments of this mode via the “All Call” method and Station PA’s and announce “Delaware County is now operating in Storm Mode”.
3. Storm Mode shall remain in place until it is deemed permissible to return to regular responses by the Tour Commander. DelComm shall alert all County emergency services of the return to normal operations via the “All Call” method and announce “Delaware County is no longer operating in Storm Mode”.
4. During Storm Mode, DelComm will dispatch a single fire apparatus to all fire alarm responses unless indicated otherwise.
5. All non-life threatening incidents caused by storms (trees down, blocked roadways, flooded basements/roadways, etc) shall be handled by the first available apparatus.
6. This SOG does not restrict DelComm or the Officer-in-Charge of the responding apparatus from upgrading the response if further information warrants an upgraded response.
7. Units responding on single apparatus responses shall mark enroute and available ONLY. All other times shall be documented by the responding unit. All radio traffic with DelComm shall be limited to necessary radio traffic only. Minor issues (trees across the road, transformer issues, secondary power lines etc.) should be tracked and a list forwarded to DelComm when possible.
8. DelComm and responding units shall maintain normal radio traffic for full emergency responses by multiple units.