

	TRAVIS COUNTY ESD #5 MANCHACA FIRE RESCUE Department Directive	D2017-004
		Effective: 5/19/2017
	Use of Delay Status	Rescinds: NA
		From: BC Poole

Our CAD system allows for the attachment of a 1 to 5-minute delay on an apparatus. The concept for response delays is to better reflect actual delays in the field to reach the apparatus and initiate a response. Delays are commonly used for events such as training drills for the time it takes to quickly return an apparatus to a response-ready status and events such as public education events or inspections where the crew may be some distance from the apparatus. Most delays typically fall in the 1 to 3-minute range. If an officer is considering the use of a 5-minute delay, they should consider that this would exclude the unit from response through the majority of the district and many of the common areas we respond to within the auto aid area. When considering the use of a long delay, consider whether the unit should be on delay or out of service.

Specifically, response delays should not be used for activities such as grocery shopping, running errands in district, going to restaurants, during lawn work, or workouts (in station or at the gym). For errands such as grocery runs, a driver should be left with the apparatus for security and the ability to retrieve the crew should a call come in while the rest of the crew is away from the rig.

Any personnel that have questions on the proper application of response delays should direct those questions through their chain of command.