

	<b>TRAVIS COUNTY ESD #5</b> <b>MANCHACA FIRE RESCUE</b> <b>Department Memorandum</b>	<b>M2024-001</b>
		Effective: TBD
		Expires: N/A
	<b>Squad 501 Purpose/Staffing</b>	From: Chief Barron

**Purpose:**

The main purpose of the squad is to respond to incidents within ESD5 when appropriate, and resources are tied up on other incidents and to reduce the wear and tear on E501. The squad will NOT be in CAD as an Auto-Aid resource.

**Background:**

A recent service delivery study determined that we are not responding to 45% of our own calls due to being tied up on other calls in/out of ESD5 territory. Many of our call types (fire and EMS) do not require a response from a type I engine and can thus be handled by a smaller unit.

**Staffing:**

The squad concept will be placed in-service as a “soft start” status. This will allow for modifications at a later time, if required.

The squad will be staffed with two Firefighters/EMT-B. One FF will be squad leader. Squad personnel will be used to backfill other operational needs i.e. Tender, Brush Truck, Eng. 501 as operational needs arise.

Examples of backfilling: voids created from all types of leave, training or district coverage needs.

Command officers may adjust this as necessary based on staffing levels, activities, etc. If a Command officer is not available, the company officer/OIC may use discretion.

**Response Plans:**

The squad will be available in CAD to respond to ESD5 calls such as smoke investigations, low priority medical calls, alarm activations, etc. The response plans will be modified as necessary. The squad may be used to shadow the engine, respond as a single resource, self-assign to calls, etc. The officer on duty may adjust this as necessary based on staffing levels, activities, etc.

**Capabilities:**

The squad will have medical response capabilities, a skid unit capable of 400gallons of water, foam tank, up to a 250gpm pump, medical equipment, combi tool, miscellaneous tools/equipment/hand tools, etc.