

BULLETIN

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DATE: March 10, 2026
TO: All Personnel
FROM: Dan Eddy, Assistant Fire Chief, Emergency Operations
SUBJECT: High-Rise Response Changes

Effective March 10, 2026, the following changes will be implemented for high-rise responses.

Ringling Alarm Highrise responses will change to a single engine response. Truck companies will no longer be automatically dispatched on Ringling Alarm Highrise responses. This change is based on an extensive data review that indicated truck companies were rarely utilized on ringling alarm responses. Captains or incident commanders will retain the ability to request a truck company or upgrade the response as needed.

The incident nature will remain Ringling Alarm Highrise to provide awareness on the type of occupancy and ensure that appropriate resources are dispatched if the incident is upgraded to a 1st Alarm.

The incident nature Structure Highrise/Hospital will change to Structure Highrise/Widerise. This change will more accurately reflect the type of occupancy and associated 1st Alarm resources:

- 5 Engines
- 2 Trucks
- 2 Battalion chiefs
- 1 USAR
- 1 ALS ambulance

The Department is in the process of identifying wide-rise structures, which are defined as occupancies greater than 100,000 sq/ft, so that premise notes may be added, and appropriate resources are dispatched similar to high-rise incidents.

Please route any questions through the chain of command.