

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL POLICY

CURRENT

SUBJECT: MINIMUM STAFFING FOR FIRE ENGINES AND FIRE TRUCKS
POLICY NO.: 500-09
EFFECTIVE DATE: November 29, 2010

BACKGROUND:

As of June 30, 2010, the City of San Diego has forty-seven (47) fire engines and twelve (12) fire trucks. Presently, it is the City Policy to staff fire engines and trucks with four personnel, which is consistent with national professional standards within the firefighting industry. Despite budget-cutting moves by the Fire-Rescue Department, the City has not swayed from the national standard of four personnel staffing on each engine and truck.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Council Policy is to clearly state the City Council's desire and intent to maintain minimum staffing of fire engines and fire trucks, consistent with the national industry standard.

POLICY

The City Council is deeply committed to improving public safety throughout the City of San Diego. The Fire-Rescue Department provides resources for the emergency response to fires and needed emergency medical services in an environment of continued development of dwelling units and associated population increases.

The City Council is committed to providing the appropriate resources for the fastest response time and cessation of emergency incidents by the Fire-Rescue Department.

It is the intention of the City Council that fire engines and fire trucks positioned in fire stations be staffed and operational, consistent with national fire industry standards.

This policy of the City Council requires that all in-service fire engines and fire trucks be minimally staffed with four-person crews.

This policy is not intended to create a legal duty where one does not exist.

HISTORY:

Adopted by Resolution R-306319 - 11/29/2010