Vehicle Response Code

G-264.1 PURPOSE & SCOPE
To reduce risk of injury to the public and to fire department personnel by reducing the number of fire vehicles responding Code 3 to specific incident types. The reduction of Code 3 driving increases the safety to the community and responding fire department personnel.

G-264.2 GUIDELINE
It is the guideline of the San Mateo County Fire Chiefs that all fire companies shall follow the procedures for vehicle response outlined in this guideline unless additional information or other conditions dictate otherwise.

G-264.3 REFERENCES
N/A

G-264.4 PROCEDURES
1. Fire Alarms
   The first due apparatus responds “Code 3;” all other responding apparatus respond “Code 2.” The Battalion Chief or the initial IC may modify the response.

2. Code 2 Traffic Accidents
   All fire apparatus will respond “Code 2.” The Battalion Chief or the initial IC may modify the response.

3. Stage for Scene Secure
   The first-in unit will respond “Code 3”, subsequent units will respond Code 2 and then upgrade to “Code 3” once the scene is secured. The Battalion Chief or the initial IC may modify the response.