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PRESS RELEASE

***Trenton Department of Fire & Emergency Services
Selected to Take the Lead in State Sponsored
Urban Tender Tanker Taskforce Exercise
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Qareeb A. Bashir the Director of Trenton's Department of Fire & Emergency Services is pleased to announce that the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety has selected Trenton to take the lead in a statewide sponsored drill.

We will be conducting a tender task force (TTF) exercise in the city of Trenton on November 1, 2014. This exercise will be held in the morning and start at 08:00 hrs. Tankers will be utilizing 2 separate area of the canal to refill, however the main exercise will take place in the state parking lot located on Allen Street which is in the rear of Fire Headquarters. efill we anticipate being completed around noon.

The scenario is a major fire in an urban setting during a water emergency. This water emergency creates a situation where limited to no water is available for firefighting.

In order for this to be considered a statewide exercise there will be involvement from all 4 regions. The following is a list of resources that will be needed for this exercise.

In addition to Trenton who will provide apparatus as well as leadership via the Incident Commander Post and the OEM Coordinator position, the following regions will participate and play an essential function

UASI Region

Middlesex : 1 tender task force TFL (2max) 5 tenders 2 engines

Delaware River Region

Burlington : 1 tender task force TFL (2 max) 5 tenders 2 engines

Shore Region

Monmouth: 1 tender task force TFL (2 max) 5 tenders 2 engines

Northwest Region

Hunterdon : 1 tender task force TFL (2 max) 5 tenders 2 engines

Somerset : 1 tender task force TFL (2 max) 5 tenders 2 engines

Mercer : various tenders and engines as needed

All regions are asked to invite coordinators and chiefs from urban areas. The main purpose of the exercise is to show urban area chiefs and firefighters how tenders can move large quantities of water, And the most efficient and effective procedure to accomplish this task. Start times, staging areas and other details will follow as the planning process is completed.

I. Purpose and Intent

- A. **A fire officer undertakes the responsibility of protecting lives and property in their community. It is the intent of the Tender Task Force (TTF) Guidelines to make the job as easy as possible.**
- B. **When the TTF is requested, their job is to deliver a minimum of 1000 gallons per minute (GPM) of water in the quickest and safest way possible by obeying all motor vehicle laws. It is very important that all apparatus in the operation be able to adapt with each other**

II. Scope

- A. **This guideline applies to all emergency agencies that have a need to request a water tender task force or strike team.**
- B. **It is the intent of this guideline to ensure compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Standard terminology, strike team components, and other resources are identified using NIMS guidelines.**

III. Standard Operating Guidelines

- A. **When an Incident Commander arrives on or is confronted with a fast moving fire and they feel that their local response or water system will not be sufficient, a call to Central Communications will activate the first alarm from the TTF.**
- B. **When the TTF is dispatched, it will respond with two qualified Water Supply Group Supervisors (WSG). Once the qualified WSG's arrives he/she will be appointed by Command as the WSG. He/she shall be identified by wearing a vest stating "Water Supply". The second qualified WSG will be the Portable Pond Unit Leader (PPL). He/she will be identified by wearing a reflective vest stating "Portable Pond".**
- C. **The WSG must decide where the portable pond operation will be set up in relationship to the fire grounds. The water supply point is the unloading point for the tankers and the point at which water is supplied to the fire grounds. This point must get set up away from the fire grounds where equipment, including the tenders, can flow freely in and out of the fire scene.**
- D. **The object of establishing a Water Supply Point is to better utilize and control all incoming tenders and still allow maximum water flow.**
- E. **It may be necessary to move some tenders to the fire grounds to supply the scene while the operation is being set up. This way the fire ground does not run out of water. Once the operation is set up and water is flowing to the fire ground, the tender(s) that was supplying the scene can break down and enter the water shuttle.**
- F. **The flow required on the fire ground will be determined by the size of hose that was laid into the scene. This will determine how the WSG has to set up the operation.**

