

# New Durham Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

SOG 252      Response to Cover Truck Assignment

**PURPOSE:**    To insure a safe and measured response while responding to cover assignments.

**SCOPE:**      All members and apparatus responding to a cover assignment.

**SPECIFICS:**

Because New Durham Fire Department has an extensive mutual aid agreement with surrounding towns we are sometimes called on to provide station coverage to neighboring towns. Our assigned task is to respond to the covered community and stand by to provide emergency services if needed. This type of assignment does not warrant an emergency response.

When the New Durham Fire Department is responding to a cover truck assignment, the apparatus shall respond with traffic and without **the use of lights or siren**. In the event that the apparatus is called to the scene of the emergency or directed to respond to another emergency the driver shall then activate all warning devices as necessary.

This policy also applies to New Durham Fire personnel responding to the station for a cover truck assignment. All traffic rules shall be followed and no lights or sirens will be used.

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