



STRUCTURED DISPATCH ZONE ASSIGNMENTS FOR FIRE & EMS

***If you need assistance with regard to mapping in order to assign zones, please*
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Definitions

Public Safety Agency:

The fire or EMS agency designated by a municipality as the primary emergency response agency responsible for providing fire/EMS service(s) to said municipality.

STANDARDS

- 1.) Public safety agencies (fire AND EMS) shall cumulatively recommend boundaries which define zones which are confined within the jurisdictional boundaries of their municipality.
- 2.) Maximum number of zones permitted:
 - a. Municipalities with 1.50 or fewer square miles shall be permitted to establish a maximum of two (2) zones.
 - b. Municipalities with greater than 1.50 square miles, but less than 10.01 square miles shall be permitted to establish a maximum of three (3) zones.
 - c. Municipalities with greater than 10.00 square miles shall be permitted to establish a maximum of four (4) zones.

- d. Municipalities are **NOT** required to establish the maximum number of zones permitted.
- 3.) For purposes of uniformity, zones established shall be applied to both EMS **AND** Fire agencies. i.e.- A zone established as "Zone 1" for a fire agency, shall also be known as "Zone 1" for the corresponding EMS agency. Therefore, it is strongly suggested any agency choosing to participate in structured dispatch, and operating within the same municipality, foster mutually beneficial zones.
- i. Fire and EMS agencies responsible for a municipality are NOT required to establish like responses. i.e.- If a fire agency recommends four (4) zones, and established a different response in each zone, the EMS agency may apply one (1) response level to all four (4) zones.
- 4.) Zone boundaries established by thoroughfares shall follow road centerlines. For example, if Main St is the dividing line between zone 1 and zone 2, then all of the even side will be zone 1, and the odd side zone 2. Zones may also be defined by natural boundaries, such as rivers or streams, provided they share a common end point. Additionally, railroad tracks may serve to define zone boundaries.
- 5.) Zone boundaries shall be established using as few as possible different thoroughfares.
- 6.) Major thoroughfares shall be utilized as zone boundaries whenever possible.
- 7.) Agencies choosing not to participate in structured dispatch shall be assigned one (1) zone. The response to the designated single zone shall continue to have one (1) department dispatched, unless prior mutual aid agreements have been established.

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for
STRUCTURED DISPATCH
(Addendum 1)ⁱ

Allen	11.20		Sq. mi.
Bangor	01.61		Sq. mi.
Bath	00.90		Sq. Mi.
Bethlehem Township		14.85	Sq. Mi.
Bushkill	25.71		Sq. Mi.
Chapman	00.46		Sq. Mi.
East Allen	14.67		Sq. Mi.
East Bangor		00.71	Sq. Mi.
Easton	03.81		Sq. Mi.
Forks	12.28		Sq. Mi.
Freemansburg	00.83		Sq. Mi.
Glendon	00.79		Sq. Mi.
Hanover	06.79		Sq. Mi.
Hellertown	01.41		Sq. Mi.
Lehigh	30.80		Sq. Mi.
Lower Mount Bethel		25.09	Sq. Mi.
Lower Nazareth		13.54	Sq. Mi.
Lower Saucon		24.55	Sq. Mi.
Moore	38.25		Sq. Mi.
Nazareth	01.72		Sq. Mi.
Northampton	02.58		Sq. Mi.
Palmer	11.03		Sq. Mi.

Pen Argyl		01.34	Sq. Mi.
Plainfield	24.38		Sq. Mi.
Portland	00.58		Sq. Mi.
Roseto	00.50		Sq. Mi.
Stockertown	00.89		Sq. Mi.
Tatamy	00.52		Sq. Mi.
Upper Mount Bethel		44.49	Sq. Mi.
Upper Nazareth		07.35	Sq. Mi.
Washington	17.87		Sq. Mi.
West Easton		00.31	Sq. Mi.
Williams	18.85		Sq. Mi.
Wilson	01.18		Sq. Mi.
Wind Gap	01.43		Sq. Mi.

ⁱ Source: Lehigh Valley Planning Commission