

Tender Task Force Division (B)

Response to Folsom

11/7/2009

Task Force (B) was dispatched approximately 5am to assist Folsom FD. On Rt. 322 at the Hors'in Around Bar. Units on location were Folsom, Collings Lakes and Newtonville. These departments are part of our task force but were directly involved in the firefighting operations.

Task Force Units Responding:

Deputy Task Force Commander: Ruberton

Staging Officers: Brad Ruggeri, Chris Jones, Mark Corgiglia, Andy Belone

Hammonton 1 Tanker / 1 Engine / 1 Tower Ladder

East Vineland 1 Tanker / 1 Engine

Landisville 1 Tanker / 1 Quint

Minotola 1 Engine

Richland 1 Engine / 1 Tanker

Dorothy 1 Tanker

Estell Manor 1 Tanker

MaysLanding 1 Tanker

Laureldale 2 Tankers / 1 tractor trailer / 1 straight

Weymouth 1 Tanker / 1 Engine

Cecil 1 Tanker / 1 Engine

Malaga 1 Tanker

StarCross 1 Tanker

Forest Grove 1 Tanker / 1 Engine

Janvier 1 Tanker

Winslow Twp. 1 Tanker

Waterford Twp. 1 Tanker

Willow Grove 1 Tanker

Deputy Coordinator Ruberton arrived and met face to face with the (IC). Fill sites were asked for and set up of operations were gone over. Hammonton's Tanker and East Vineland's Tanker arrived at the same time. East Vineland's orders were to set up on the west side as a nurse tanker and supply Hammonton's Tower directly. Hammonton's Tanker dropped its pond and started to directly feed East Vineland's Tanker. Minotola's Engine arrived and became the supply engine for the ponds. This set up was done in cooperation with the Cecil FD who supplied the 2nd pond. Minotola's Engine fed East Vineland's Tanker. Chief Boldasario of Malaga was put in charge of this operation and sending the tankers to the fill sites.

Other arriving apparatus was put into staging on the east bound shoulder of Rt. 322 until given orders.

At this time Richland's Engine was sent to the Folsom Can House on Mays Landing Rd. and setup as Fill Site #1 / Cecil's Engine was sent to 8th St. just North of Rt. 322 to a Creek and setup Fill Site #2 / East Vineland's Engine was sent to Rt. 54 just North of Rt. 322 to a Creek and setup Fill Site #3. Weymouth's Firehouse was also used to fill some of the Tractor Trailer tankers as Fill Site #4.

As this was happening Staging Officers Chris Jones and Brad Ruggeri set up the 2nd pond site on the east side of the fire utilizing Weymouth's Tanker and Folsom's Tanker as nurse tankers. The operation supplied Folsom's Engine and Landisville's Ladder.

Staging Officer Mark Corgiglia was in charge of communications with the fill sites and kept the Water Supply Officer constantly updated.

Field Com. 25 arrived and Deputy Coordinator Ruberton had a face to face with County Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent. Coordinator Vincent was updated on all task Force operations and Field Com 25 was then utilized for communications and notifications.

Late in operations Water Supply was notified that Fill Site #1 was depleted of water and had to shut down. They were advised to relocate to Rt54. in Hammonton North of the Expressway to a Fire Hydrant.

At approximately 08:30 Camden County units were released, then Gloucester County units, then Atlantic county units until only East Vineland, Laureldale and Folsom's tankers were left on location. Task Force Command was terminated at approximately 11:30 am.

Points of concern

Hammonton's Engine was taken from the task Force due to man power immediately being needed on the fire ground. Forest Grove's Engine was taken out due to their crew being used as a FAST Team.

Gloucester County had dispatching trouble with StarCross

Atlantic County dispatched the two Hamilton Twp. Companies from Division (A) not Division (B) task force. (Did Mizpah ever get dispatched?)

Radio communications with Fill Site #1 (Richland) and Fill Site #2 (Cecil) were difficult.

(Do units realize PL must be off during operations?)

Water Supply and Field Com. must meet ASAP once both are on location. Each must acknowledge the other is on scene.

Extra fill sites must be made available incase one goes down as in this case.

Points of interest

NJ State DOT Emergency Response should be notified when the task force is activated (automatically).

Does the local FD have filling capabilities right at their station? Pumps, codes, keys?

Fire Police units need to be dispatched immediately & meet with Water Supply to receive orders.