

## **Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department WEATHER WATCH STANDBYS**

### **Procedure:**

This Procedure shall apply to all weather related standbys. The Incident Commander (IC) has full responsibility for assuring compliance with this procedure. Authority to deviate from this procedure rests solely with the IC who will bear responsibility for the results of any deviations.

The following procedure shall be used:

1. Incident Command shall be established at Station 1 to man the base radio, communicate with Central Dispatch.
2. Personnel shall respond to their assigned stations.
3. Apparatus positioning: Apparatus shall respond to their assigned position per Station maps. The Apparatus shall be positioned as to have the clearest view of approaching weather.
4. Apparatus shall check in route with (IC) only. **DO NOT CHECK IN WITH CENTRAL DISPATCH.**
5. If severe weather is spotted. (damaging winds, tornado, hail, etc.), it shall be reported to the IC and then IC shall report to central dispatch as to what it is, where it is, which way it is going.
6. Radio traffic must be held to absolute minimum so as not to interfere with other important information. Firegrounds channel will be used.
7. If another alarm sounds, the (IC) shall take the appropriate actions to handle the incident.
8. Apparatus shall remain at their assigned position until all-clear is given by (IC). In the event personnel are threatened by weather at their location, the firefighters shall take appropriate actions to protect themselves.
9. Should severe weather damage a certain area, the IC will dispatch the appropriate apparatus and personnel to that area.
10. Firefighters shall have with them their full turnout gear.