

Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association Mutual Aid Resource Program

What is Mutual Aid Net?

Mutual Aid Net is the on-line computer program created by the International Association of Fire Chiefs that the TFCA has partnered with to manage fire department resources and contacts to deploy during disasters and large scale incidents when a local fire or emergency response agency is requesting mutual aid assistance. The system consists of a catalog to identify the resources prior to an event and a deployment model to request/notify the closest most appropriate resources and track those resources through demobilization.

How do I access it?

The web address is: www.mutualaidnet.net In order to access the program, you must have been entered by a member of the TFCA's Mutual Aid Team (Regional, District, or County Coordinator) into the system. Mutual Aid Net requires a valid email address to access the system and to be able to update your password.

What are the access levels?

The access levels coincide with roles defined with the TFCA's Emergency Response Plan. County Coordinators and above can enter/update fire department resources, as well as deploy resources during an incident. Fire Departments have access to verify the resources from their department.

Resource Typing

It is extremely important that agencies identify their resources in a consistent manner in order to request and send the appropriate resource in a timely manner. The TFCA **Resource Typing Guidance Document** has been created to assist departments with categorizing their agency's assets. This can be found under the Mutual Aid section of the TFCA website or accessed directly: http://www.tnfirechiefs.com/sites/default/files/tfca_resource_typing_1.pdf

Common Resources

While the program has the ability to capture over 200 types and kinds of resources, the most common resources that fire departments own are engines (this includes brush trucks), aerial devices, tenders (tankers) and rescue trucks. The attached sheet gives a summary of these items. Please consult the **Resource Typing Guidance Document** for the full minimum capability requirements of these resources and other equipment/teams.

Deployment Availability

It is very important to remember that when most statewide mutual aid request are made, the requesting agency has exhausted its resources within their normal mutual aid agencies and needs assistance immediately (scramble response) or for an extended event. When submitting the department's resource inventory, agencies should capture the following:

Dept. /Agency Total: Total number of a particular resource for an agency

Available Total: Number available for a Scramble (within 30 minutes) response.

EMAC: Number available for an extended response (3 to 14 days).

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Engine/ Brush							
Engine	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V	Type VI	Type VII
Meets NFPA	1901	1901	1906	1906	1906	1906	1906
Pump Min.	1,000 gpm	500 gpm	150 gpm	50 gpm	50 gpm	50 gpm	10 gpm
Tank Min.	300 Gal.	300 Gal.	500 Gal.	750 Gal.	400 Gal.	150 Gal.	50 Gal.
Personnel	4	3	3	2	2	2	2
Consult page 7 of the <i>Resource Typing Guidance Document</i> for additional criteria.							
Type I and II are structural engines. Type III –VII apply to wildland (brush) engines.							

Water Tender (Tanker)					
Tender	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
Meets NFPA	1901	1901	1901	1901	1901
Pump Min.	250 gpm	250 gpm	0-249 gpm	0-249 gpm	Vacuum
Tank Min.	2,000 Gal.	1,000 Gal.	2,000 Gal.	1,000 Gal.	Varies
Personnel	2	2	2	2	2
Consult page 8 of the <i>Resource Typing Guidance Document</i> for additional criteria.					
All tenders must be equipped with a minimum 6" quick dump capability.					

Aerial Ladder		
Engine	Type I	Type II
Meets NFPA	1901	1901
Min. Aerial	75'	50'
Elevated Stream	500 gpm	500 Gpm.
Personnel	4	4
Consult page 9 of the <i>Resource Typing Guidance Document</i> for additional criteria.		
Quints will be classified as an Aerial Device		

Rescue Truck

Type I: Heavy Rescue

Type II: Medium Rescue

Type III: Light Rescue (Crash Truck)

Consult page 10 of the *Resource Typing Guidance Document* for additional criteria.

