



Objective

A subset of our CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers are trained on the use of Skyline Fire Department’s air truck and cascade air refill system. These volunteers may be called upon to assist at a fire scene to refill air bottles for firefighters.

The SOG’s (standard operating guides) and processes/procedures of Skyline Fire Department supersede any instructions provided in this guide and shall govern the use of the equipment owned by Skyline Fire Department. Only volunteers that have completed an application with Skyline Fire Department, have completed EVOC/driver training, cascade air system training, and have been approved by Chief Diamond will be authorized to drive or operate this apparatus.

Dispatch Instructions

When air truck service is requested by a fire chief or incident commander, Santa Rosa County Dispatch will add “Air 22” as an apparatus to the call and selects “yes” to notify the authorized volunteers via text and email. The CERT volunteers will coordinate via group text to designate who will respond. The volunteer will respond via radio on appropriate fire channel or call the Santa Rosa County Communications non-emergency line (850-983-5372) if their radio is unavailable to notify them that they are enroute and when they arrive at station 22.

- Notify dispatch on appropriate fire channel when you have arrived at station 22
- When you depart the station, you will identify as the apparatus.
 - Notify dispatch via radio on the appropriate fire channel that “Air 22 is enroute.” Ex. “Central fire from Air 22. (await response) Enroute to 123 Forest Street”
- Once on-scene, the volunteer will notify dispatch via radio that “Air 22 is on-scene.”
- Once on-scene, contact the Incident Commander to identify where they would like you to set up.
 - If fire rehab is also on-scene, the apparatus should be set up near the rehab location.

Other Important Information

Chief 22 has authorized the volunteers driving this apparatus to render aid if an incident occurs while driving this vehicle, not responding to a call. For example, if returning from a call and a motor vehicle accident occurred in front of you, you are authorized to activate your emergency lights, notify dispatch on the appropriate fire channel for the area you are in, and perform patient assessment. Basic first aid that you have been trained for may be rendered. Once you have accessed the scene, you should notify dispatch of all required information to have additional resources enroute to the scene.

Please remember that you should only perform to the level of care that you have been trained and are comfortable with. Once other first responders arrive, yield the scene to them and ask if they need any assistance. If none is needed, return to the station.



Air Truck Operation – SOG 203



Volunteer requirements to participate in this service

- Completed background check w/SRC Emergency Management issued CERT or ARES ID card
- Completion of [IS-100 course](#) - Introduction to the Incident Command System
- Completion of [IS-700 course](#) - An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
- Completion of firefighter rehab course
- Completion of cascade air system training at Skyline Fire Department & approval by Chief 22
- If driving Skyline Fire Department's Air 22 vehicle, EVOC training & approval by Chief 22
- Completion of Skyline Fire Department volunteer application
- Dedication & willingness to respond, including after-hours
- Approval by Santa Rosa County CERT Coordinator to participate in team

Conclusion

By providing this service, we can augment the staffing of the local fire departments to provide air bottle refilling on fire scenes or at training events.