

Non-Response Policy

North Carolina Fire Suppression Ratings Schedule (FSRS) will be used for the purpose of determining Fire Insurance District Ratings Classifications.

The department shall have sufficient membership to assure the response of at least 4 members and 1 Engine to all fires and fire alarms in structures. The chief may be one of the 4 responding members.”

Therefore, the **minimum** acceptable response to a structure fire/alarm will be 1 Engine and 4 firefighters.

Response of a fire department, as primary first alarm department, to a structural fire/alarm within its established fire insurance district with less than the minimum required Engine or manpower will be considered by OSFM to be a “Non-Response”.

Any department determined to have 2 or more “Non-Response” alarm records will be placed on **probation** for a period of 12 months.

To exit probationary status; the department must submit to the OSFM Inspection Division complete copies of all structural fire/alarm response records, without any additional “non-responses”, for a 12 consecutive calendar month period established by OSFM.