

Tempe Fire Department Policies and Procedures
Ladder Tender
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the ladder tender is to extend the life of ladder trucks, reduce response times, improve maneuverability, increase response safety, and improve fuel consumption.

POLICY

Ladder tenders will be used to respond on EMS calls and for other emergencies when deemed appropriate. They are not intended for use on structural assignments except where indicated below. Under normal conditions the crew should not be split between the two ladder vehicles for response purposes.

PROCEDURE

Dispatch and response protocol:

- A. The Ladder and the Ladder Tender will get dispatched together.
- B. When dispatched on an EMS assignment, the Ladder Tender should be taken.
- C. The Ladder Tender should be taken on 3-1 or greater assignments involving 962 with extrication, trailer fires, car fires, or something of similar nature where an aerial will not be used.
- D. If the ladder tender is unavailable and the Ladder Tender is dispatched to a commercial structure fire, an additional Ladder company with an available Ladder should be requested by the Duty Chief.
- E. The Ladder may be chosen instead of the Ladder Tender, or taken with the Ladder Tender on certain dispatches (assist PD, check hazard, water rescue, jumper, confined space, etc.).
- F. It is up to the discretion of the Company Officer when to take the Ladder, Ladder Tender, or both.

*This policy is based on the capabilities of LT276, until LT273 capabilities are known. If the ladder tender is unavailable (e.g., maintenance) the system will dispatch the Ladder on an EM assignment.