

# Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9

## Westlake Fire Department

### Standard Operating Guideline

**Subject:** Response to 3501 Cassava

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#### I. Purpose

To establish standardized procedures for the response of apparatus and personnel to the site.

#### II. Policy

Apparatus and personnel will respond to designated access locations at the site in order to ensure that access is efficient and timely.

#### III. Procedure

##### A. EMS Response

Initial EMS response to the site will be from Station 1. The responding apparatus will enter through the Cassava & Cuesta Verde gate (unless directed to a different gate by staff) The Knox key should be requested in case the gates have not been opened.

All responding personnel will monitor EMS traffic on the County frequency to determine which transport Medic Unit is responding and the direction they are coming from. Our personnel will then direct the Medic Unit to the closest entrance (Toro Canyon or Cassava) and advise the on-site security personnel of the approach.

If the call requires a response by Star Flight, fire personnel not involved in direct patient care shall secure a landing site for Star Flight on the large lawn area to the southeast of the main housing structure or the front parking lot area.

If the patient is located on the trail system, first-arriving personnel shall utilize on-site security's electric golf carts and/or gas-powered "mules" to reach and retrieve the patient. (Staff should direct you to the appropriate gate for access)

##### B. Fire Response

**Alarm Activations** – Engine 1 will respond to the Cassava & Cuesta Verde entrance from Station 1. **Firefighters in POV's should not respond** to alarm activations at this

address. If the alarm activation turns out to be a working fire, E-1 personnel will utilize on-board water sparingly until E-2 can lay in.

**Working Fires** -- Engine 1 will respond to the Cassava & Cuesta Verde entrance from Station 1. Engine 2 will also respond to the Cassava & Cuesta Verde entrance from Station 2. Firefighters arriving in POVs will respond to Cassava & Cuesta Verde entrance and stage there. If firefighters arrive in POVs before E-1, the firefighters will don their bunker gear and be prepared to board E-1 when it arrives. If they arrive after E-1 has entered the facility, the firefighters will walk up to the structure.

Firefighters arriving in POVs prior to the arrival of E-2 may also respond to the Cassava entrance, stage there, don their bunker gear, and stage for Engine 2's arrival and wait for an assignment. Firefighters arriving after Engine 2 arrives will stage at Engine 2.

Inside the Cassava entrance, near the security station, there is an on-site hydrant. Another is located on the roadway from the Toro Canyon entrance. Both of these hydrants are too far away from the residence for normal use. Engine 1 will enter through the Cassava & Cuesta Verde entrance and drop their 5-inch hose at the gate and proceed up to the residence. This distance is approximately 1,000 ft. Engine 2 will proceed to the gate and reverse lay back to the hydrant on Cuesta Verde. This is approximately 200-300 feet. Engine 2 will connect to the hydrant and relay to Engine 1. There will be approximately 70' difference in elevation between both engines.

There is a dry hydrant on the site. It located on the north side of the parking area in front of the structure. The dry hydrant is located approximately 75 feet off the entrance driveway, too far to be connected to by the hard suction on either or both E-1 and E-2. It should, therefore, not be depended on in its current location, unless the ground area near it will support the weight of an engine. The dry hydrant is connected to the swimming pool, located behind the structure, will have from 30,000 – 40,000 gallons of capacity to draw from, and should be used sparingly.

There is a wall hydrant located next to the service area on the southeast corner of the main property. The electrical shut off is directly behind the transformer. The gas shut off is located on the tennis court level in the utility room located on the east side of the tennis courts.