



**Nelson County Emergency Services Council**  
**Nelson County, Virginia**

<b><i>Nelson County Emergency Services Council Standard Operating Guideline</i></b>	
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**Purpose:**

To establish a procedure for providing ample resources for significant fires.

**Procedure:**

An on-scene commanding officer may determine a second-alarm response is needed when heavy fire conditions are encountered and immediately available resources will not be adequate.

A second-alarm request should be reserved for truly major fires.

Upon confirming the request for a second-alarm assignment, dispatch will double the resources initially dispatched for the fire. For example, a second-alarm fire would increase the number of departments from three to six, and may increase the number of tankers to as many as 8. Out-of-County resources will most likely be involved.