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STATEMENT BY CHIEF C. H. HILDEBRAND  
Atlanta Fire Department  
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The loyal members of the Atlanta Fire Department are providing fire protection for the citizens of Atlanta on a round the clock basis. They are working greatly extended hours over their normal work week of 60 hours. Of the 225 men on duty, the added hours has resulted in 40% more manpower. These men are well-trained and highly skilled, and are dedicated to protecting the people of Atlanta.

As a result of this increase in manpower, beginning Tuesday four additional fire stations will be put into service on a 24 hour basis. These four stations will be activated day by day.

Most of the surrounding governments have reaffirmed our long standing Mutual Assistance Pact of providing firemen and equipment should an emergency arise. I am most grateful for this added help.

In addition, the Atlanta Police Department has provided men at each firehouse to take over many non-firefighting responsibilities; thereby relieving our skilled men of those routine duties. In case of an emergency, other city employees are on a stand-by basis to render clean-up assistance. I know all people of Atlanta will join me in expressing appreciation for this cooperation.

Beginning Tuesday morning, the Personnel Department is accelerating its efforts to recruit people for the vacant positions in the Fire Department. Information concerning these jobs can be obtained by calling the Personnel Director at 522-4463.

The City of Atlanta is well protected under this emergency condition, and I wish to assure every citizen that this protection will continue and improve daily.

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