

Standard Operating Guidelines

STANDARD COMPANY OPERATIONS

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PURPOSE

To inform fire department personnel of the functions of the various tactical units.

POLICY

- A. The Incident Commander and Company Officers operating at multiple company and/or multiple agency emergencies shall coordinate and integrate their efforts, task and functions so as to produce harmonious, effective and efficient operations.
- B. Incident commanders shall endeavor to utilize the various fire companies to their best advantage within the scope of their various standard functions, but may, if the need arises, utilize companies for any function which may be required.
- C. Fire companies must maintain a level of flexibility which will insure their ability to perform the functions of other types of companies (limited to available equipment And apparatus) as the situation demands.
- D. Company Officers shall insure that the fire companies which they are assigned are able to perform the various functions designated for that company as well as maintain the level of flexibility necessary to perform other functions as required.

PROCEDURES

- A. ENGINE COMPANY OPERATIONS
 - 1. Search and rescue of victims of an emergency incident.
 - 2. Protection of exposures, property and lives from threat of an emergency incident.
 - 3. Confine the emergency incident to the smallest area as safety, resources, conditions, and time will allow.
 - 4. Extinguish or mitigate all emergency incidents.
 - 5. Conduct overhaul operations to insure that the emergency incident does not reoccur.
 - 6. Provide adequate and efficient water supply to hose lines and other apparatus utilizing water to control the emergency incident.
 - 7. Provide basic emergency medical service, EMT/EMT-D, to personnel and victims of emergency incidents.
 - 8. Provide assistance to local E.M.S agencies on medical incidents.
 - 9. Perform truck company operations if the need arises.
- B. TRUCK COMPANY OPERATIONS
 - 1. Search, rescue and treatment of injured victims and

- personnel.
- 2. Provide forcible entry.
- 3. Raise aerial and ground ladders.
- 4. Provide coordinated ventilation with fire attack.
- 5. Check for fire extension.
- 6. Provide on scene lighting.
- 7. Provide control of utilities.
- 8. Operate ladder pipe(s).
- 9. Establish temporary standpipe system with aerial ladder when needed.
- 10. Perform salvage and overhaul duties.
- 11. Perform extrication.
- 12. Perform engine company operations as the need arises.

C. AIR UTILITY OPERATIONS

- 1. Provide air refill for breathing apparatus during emergency operations.
- 2. Maintain an inventory area, at the emergency incident, of full compressed air tanks, empty tanks and damaged tanks and breathing apparatus.

D. SAFETY

- 1. All companies on the emergency scene shall coordinate activities to prevent undue injury to personnel.
- 2. Self contained breathing apparatus shall be worn on all ILDH atmospheres. The exceptions to breathing apparatus having to be worn may be for grass & woodland fires and medical incidents.
- 3. Full protective gear shall be worn by all members on an emergency incident and where the officer determines that the safety of the personnel may be in jeopardy. The exceptions to full protective gear being worn may be for grass & woodland fires and medical incidents.
 - a. It is important to remember that during medical incidents other forms of protective gear come into consideration and shall be worn for personnel protection. (i.e. surgical mask, gloves, eye protection).
- 4. The officer shall take into account weather and climatic conditions, and terrain when requiring full protective gear for emergency incidents other than fire.

Approved:

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