

STANDARD COMPANY OPERATIONS

Purpose:

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

Policy:

- A. The Incident Commander and/or Company Officers operating at multiple company and/or multiple agency emergencies shall coordinate and integrate their efforts, tasks 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. Companies must maintain a level of flexibility, which will ensure their ability to perform the functions that the situation demands.
- D. Company officers shall ensure that the companies that 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.

Guidelines:

- 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 possible, 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 hoselines 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. Perform ladder company operations if the need arises.
 - 9. Perform extrication.
- B. Ladder 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. Provide ladder pipe operations.
 9. Establish temporary standpipe system with aerial ladder when needed.
 10. Perform salvage and overhaul duties.
 11. Perform basic EMS and engine company operations as the need arises.
- C. Brush Truck Operations:
1. Protection of exposures, property and lives from wildland fires.
 2. Confine the emergency to the smallest area possible, taking into account safety, resources, weather conditions, and allowable and available time.
 3. Extinguish and/or mitigate a wildland incident.
 4. Conduct overhaul to ensure that a rekindle does not occur.
- D. Tanker Operations:
1. Provide a continuous supply of water where fire hydrants, ponds, pools, and cisterns are not available.

Safety:

- A. All companies on the emergency scene shall coordinate activities to prevent undue injury to personnel.
- B. Self-contained breathing apparatus shall be worn on all fires and/or any other incidents that the Company Officer determines the safety of the personnel may be in jeopardy. The exceptions to breathing apparatus having to be worn may be for wildland fires and medical incidents.
- C. All members on an emergency incident and where the officer determines that the safety of the personnel may be in jeopardy shall wear full protective gear. The exceptions to full protective gear being worn may be for medical incidents.
 1. It is important to remember that during medical incidents other forms of protective gear come into consideration and shall be worn for personal protection. (i.e. surgical mask, gloves, eye protection).
- D. The Company Officer shall take into account weather and climatic conditions, terrain, and type of incident when requiring full protective gear for emergency incidents other than fire.