

INITIAL STRUCTURE FIRE OPERATIONS-HYDRANT AREA

Purpose:

- A. To reduce the amount and detail of orders required to get companies into action on the fireground.
- B. To integrate the efforts of engine, ladder, and Incident Commander operations to maximize effective rescue, incident control, and property conservation.

Standard Response:

Two Engines – One Ladder – One ALS Squad – One Air Supply Unit

Guidelines:

- A. The first arriving unit will give a situation report which should include (where applicable) height of the building in stories, type of building (dwelling, commercial, educational, etc), smoke or fire conditions visible, the location from which they are showing, and the unit taking command.
- B. If a hoseline is required to control a fire the Incident Commander will advise PSCC that the incident is a “working fire” and have one additional engine dispatched to serve as the RIT.
- C. All companies will immediately switch to the designated fireground channel after calling on scene unless directed otherwise by PSCC or the Incident Commander.
- D. If information is received, prior to arrival of units, that suggests a “working fire” is in progress PSCC shall inform the responding units and dispatch one additional engine. This information may include but not be limited to multiple calls, visual of smoke or fire by responding units or police confirmation of a structure fire.
- E. If information is received that would indicate subjects are trapped in the structure; PSCC shall be advised to dispatch an available paramedic unit and re-dispatch the squad with the additional information. If it has not already been done, PSCC shall dispatch the “working fire” engine as well.
- F. First Due Engine – The first due engine is responsible for locating the fire building, identifying a water supply, performing rescues, if necessary, and getting the first line in service.
- G. First Due Ladder – The first due ladder is responsible for ventilating the structure (horizontal and/or vertical), IRIT, performing a primary search, and assisting with fire attack.
- H. Second Due Engine – The second due engine is responsible for supplying water to the first due, if necessary, assisting with ventilation, fire control, and salvage and overhaul.

- I. Third Due Engine – The third due or “working fire” engine is responsible for operating as the RIT.