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PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to quickly and safely determine the incident's tactical priorities and deploy resources (companies) to accomplish those priorities after evaluating the incident's building risk management profile.

SCOPE

The scope of this procedure shall apply to all members, officers (acting), Chiefs, on the scene of any emergency incident.

ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of this procedure rests with each individual & all Officers/Acting Officers.

APPLICATION

Tactical priorities identify the three separate tactical objectives that must be completed in order to stabilize any fire situation--these priorities also establish the order in which these basic fire-ground objectives must be performed.

These objectives should be regarded as separate, yet interrelated, activities which must be dealt with in order. Command cannot proceed to the next priority until the current function objective has been completed or sufficient resources have been assigned.

Basic tactical priorities are as follows:

- #1 - Rescue
- #2 - Fire Control
- #3 - Property Conservation

Rescue = The activities required to protect occupants, remove those who are threatened and to treat the injured.

Fire Control = The activities required to stop the forward progress of the fire and to bring the fire under control.

Property Conservation = The activities required to stop or reduce primary or secondary damage to property.

The objectives of each priority are reflected in the following bench marks of completion:

- #1 - Rescue - primary search (all clear)
- #2 - Fire Control - under control
- #3 - Property Conservation - loss stopped

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All three tactical priorities require somewhat different tactical approaches from a Command and an operational standpoint.

While Command must satisfy the objective of each function in its priority order, Command must, in many cases, overlap and "mix" the activities of each to achieve the current benchmark. Notable examples are the frequent need to achieve interior tenability with active/extensive fire control efforts before proceeding with primary search, or the need to initiate property conservation activities while active fire control efforts are being extended.

The tactical priorities, (Rescue, Fire Control, and Property Conservation) are clear, measurable, and obtainable objectives. These objectives are considered **complete** when the benchmarks are declared.

Within the Command framework lies an on-going responsibility that is not completed with benchmarks. This is often referred to as the **umbrella of service**. The umbrella of service is made up of three **on-going** considerations. They are fire fighter safety, customer service, and Loss Control.

Fire Fighter Safety

Continuing efforts for fire fighter safety include physical fitness and mental preparedness. Training prior to incidents and post incident reviews to assure safety, we are continuously looking for equipment to improve fire fighter safety.

Customer Service

We recruit members that understand the importance of customer service. We acknowledge positive customer service actions and look for ways to better serve our customers.

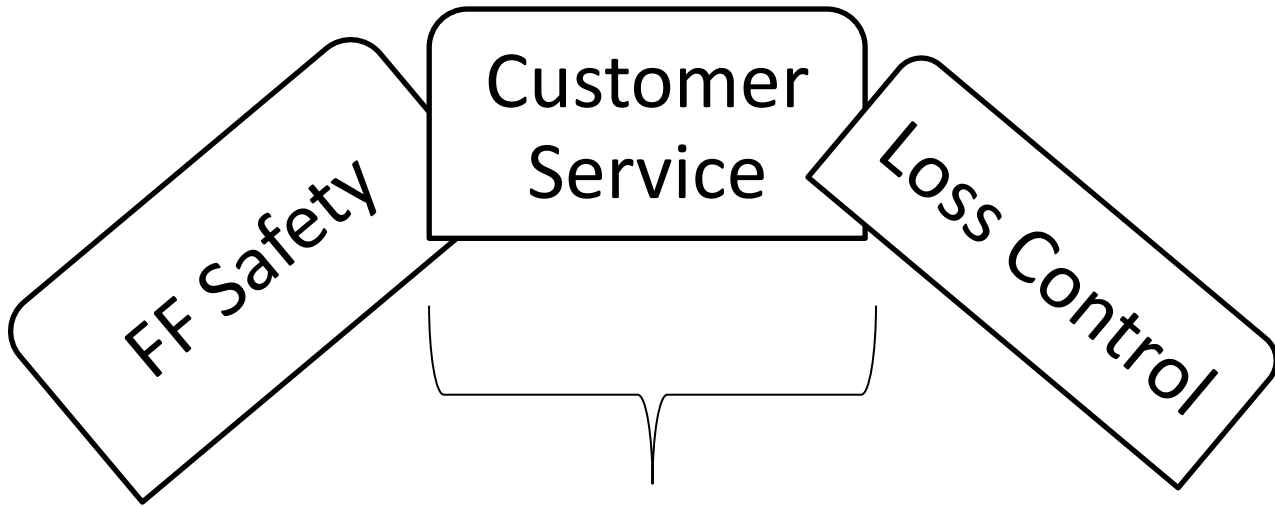
Loss Control

The concept of Loss Control not only addresses salvage and overhaul techniques but also emphasizes the importance of craftsmanship, pride in profession, and compassion for those we service in this time of need.

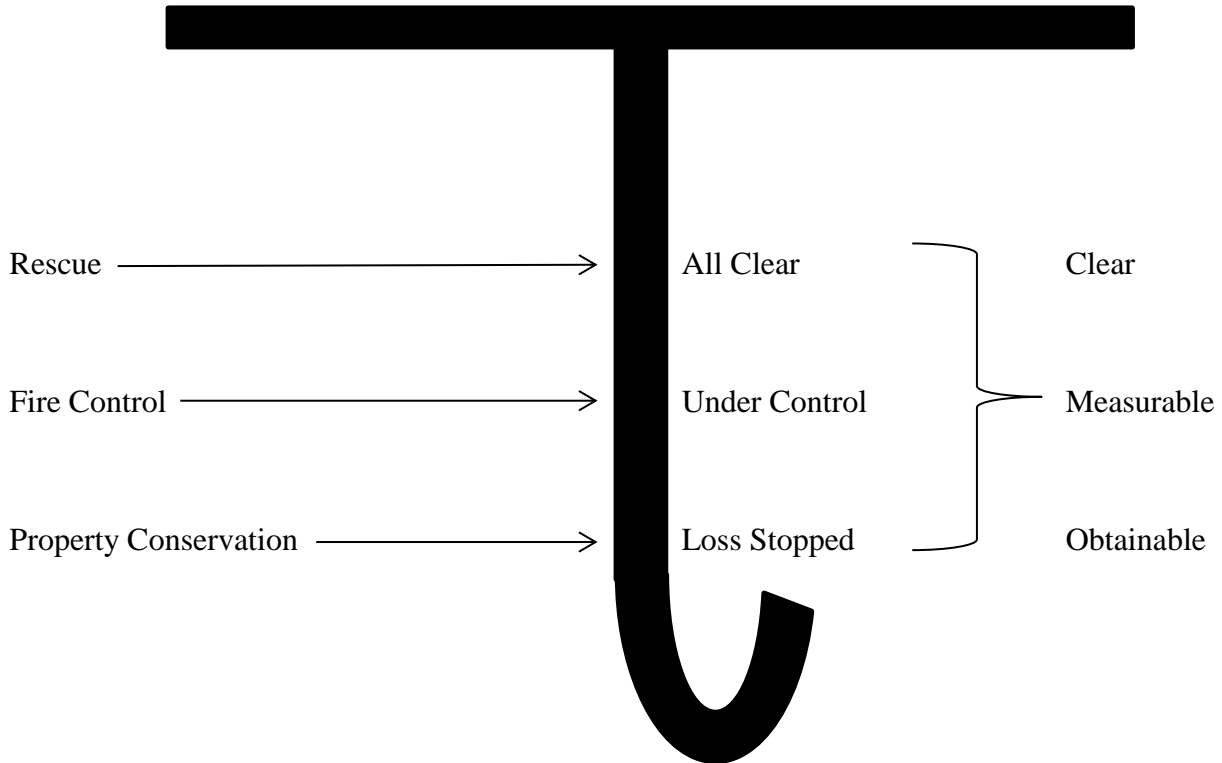
All three of these considerations take place before, during, and after all emergency responses. This umbrella of service is as important as the tactical priorities and is critical to the success and positive outcome of an incident.

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