

Manhattan Fire Protection District

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PURPOSE

This procedure is to ensure that the first arriving Engine Company arriving at the scene of a fire/possible fire shall operate to support the tactical objectives/priorities of the incident as measured by the company officer/command of initial fire attack.

SCOPE

This procedure shall apply to the first arriving Engine Company arriving on the scene of a structure fire or possible structure fire.

ENFORCEMENT

The primary responsibility for adherence to this procedure rests with each individual. Company officers/Acting Company Officers are responsible for enforcement of this procedure. Authority to deviate from this procedure rests with the company officers who shall be responsible for the results of any deviation. Subsequent companies arriving/working on the scene shall be deployed by command and operate within their responding company, NO AUTO-DEPLOYMENT OR FREE-LANCING!!

APPLICATION

Engine Company Officer once on the scene shall divide its members into task related assignments. Minimum hand tools shall be a hook applicable for size of dwelling and a set of irons. The Ambulance/Tender responding with the first arriving Engine shall be considered part of the Engine company and perform tasks as assigned.

* Level I stage (Engines at hydrant, truck/squads at intersection). In a rural setting, the first-in tanker and second-in Engine shall Level I stage at the end of the lead-out from the first-in Engine. If the first-in Engine did not lead out, position apparatus accordingly and prepare for rural water operations.*

* ALL responding personnel shall don all appropriate PPE, including SCBA, and appropriate tools needed for assigned task(s)*

* Respond with 3 members in the Engine and 2 members in the Ambulance (hydranted) or Tender (rural) from Station 1. Station 2 shall respond with 2 members in the Engine and 1 member in the Ambulance for rural fires and all 3 members in the Engine for fires in hydranted areas.*

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The first-in engine shall:

Pull past or stop short of the fire building. Try to give the officer a look at 3 sides of the building. In a rural setting, lead-in up the driveway/road, unless nothing is showing from the road.

Perform initial size-up and follow-up report per SOP# 501-3

Determine critical factors, tactical priorities, fire-ground strategy, and perform tasks after evaluating the previously mentioned.

Ensure at a minimum that a set of irons and pike pole (applicable to building size) is deployed to fire building where entry will be made.

Deploy attack line to location determined by the officer.

Officer may decide to either forward lay or reverse lay depending manpower, fire/smoke conditions prior to arrival, dead-end streets, etc....

The responsibility of the attack engine company is to perform fire suppression functions, i.e., primary search and fire suppression. With the tasks assigned, the engine company will be able to meet the needs of their job priorities without returning to the apparatus for more tools or equipment.

Engineer shall drive apparatus by the building so as to see three sides and leaving the front of the building open for the truck/squad company. He shall then Put the pump in gear, then using tank water charge attack line if a forward lead-out was done. If a reverse lead-out was done, the Engineer shall ensure the minimum hand tools are left at the scene and ensure the skid load is being deployed, and the 5" supply line at the discretion of the officer. The Engineer shall then pull a minimum of 50' extra of hose and connect to discharge, and then the Engineer shall get his own water supply.

Ambulance shall park at least one driveway away from the incident or somewhere that will not cause hindrance on the fire-ground operations.

All second-in companies shall:

Announce on the scene (or use MDT).

Announce Level I staged on fire-ground channel that command is on.

Chief's Signature Daniel Forsythe Date 10/1/12