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PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to evaluate the fireground factors & tactical priorities and match the resources with the tasks needed and assign appropriately.

SCOPE

This procedure shall apply to support companies (Squad/Second Engine Company) arriving early on at the scene of a 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.

APPLICATION

Standard company operations assign basic fire-ground functions and activities to companies based upon the capability and characteristics of each type of unit.

Standard company operations assign major fire-ground functions to the particular company who can best accomplish the operation.

Standard company operations integrate the efforts of engine, truck/support, ambulance, and/or tender companies to achieve effective rescue, fire control, loss control activities, water supply and firefighter/victim safety.

Standard company operations increase the awareness and confidence of company members in the standard performance of other companies operating on the fire-ground.

Standard company operations reduce the amount and detail of orders required to get companies into action on the fire-ground.

The following items represent the standard operations that will normally be performed by Engine, Truck/Support, ambulance, and tender companies. These basic functions will provide the framework for field operations for these companies:

Engine Company Functions:

- Search, rescue, and treatment
- Stretch hose-lines
- Operate nozzles
- Locate, confine, and extinguish fires

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- Pump hose-lines
- Loss control

Truck/Support Company Functions:

- Search, rescue, and treatment
- Ventilate
- Forcible entry
- Raise ladders
- Provide access/check fire extension
- Utility control
- Provide lighting
- Operate ladder pipes (if applicable)
- Perform overhaul
- Extrication
- Loss control

Ambulance Company Functions:

- Transportation of sick and injured to hospitals.
- Search, rescue, and treatment-Ambulance companies should communicate commitment and location to Command and maintain a retrievable status for victim treatment and transportation.
- General firefighting duties as assigned by Command.

Tender Company Functions:

- Determine appropriate location for rural water operations.
- Determine appropriate rural water set-up (nursing, port-a-tank operations)

In Level I Staging situations, first arriving Engine, Truck/support, and ambulance, and/or tender companies will perform these functions as required and ordered by Command. These companies will advise Command on the type of function they are performing.

Company officers will determine, based upon conditions and the risk management profile, the priority of the functions for their company unless otherwise ordered by Command.

This does not limit a company to only its listed functions. Every company will be expected to perform all basic functions safely within the limits of their capability, and it will be the on-going responsibility of Command to integrate tasks and functions as required with the on-scene units.

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In the absence (or delay) of a truck/support company response, Command should assign truck/support functions to an engine company. In such cases, engine companies will perform all ladder functions within the capability of their company.

The assignment of these basic operations represents a standard fire-ground plan for tactical operations designed to improve the effectiveness and safety of all units working together. This plan should in no way limit the initiative of any officer and should enhance the decision making process of all officers by establishing a standard operational framework.

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