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Standard Operating Guidelines**

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## Operations

Subject: On Scene Fire Operations  
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### 409.01 Purpose

Establish guidelines and procedures to properly manage and control fire ground operation/s, with the safety of all personnel as the highest priority.

### 409.02 Policy

- A. The first arriving personnel will give a Brief Initial Report (BIR), as outlined below:
  - 1. Provide the correct address if different from the dispatched address.
  - 2. Announce the number of floors.
  - 3. Announce the type of occupancy.
  - 4. Announce conditions found/pertinent information.
  - 5. Announce water supply/layout information.
  - 6. Announce mode of attack: Investigating – Offensive – Defensive
  - 7. Location of accountability and Command (Fixed or Tactical).
- B. The individual in the officer's seat shall complete, when physically possible, an initial 360-degree size up that will be communicated over the radio.
- C. Members shall wear full protective equipment and SCBA.
- D. Personnel arriving in Personally Owned Vehicles (POV) shall report to the Command Post prior to being assigned a task.

### 409.03 Apparatus Assignments

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> Due Engine
  - 1. Position Side A, leaving room for the truck.
  - 2. Provide a BIR as outlined above in 409.02 A.
  - 3. Individual assigned to the officer's seat shall complete a 360 degree size-up and basement check.
  - 4. Complete forcible entry as needed.
  - 5. Place the initial attack line, minimum 1 ¾", in service, locate and attack the seat of the fire.
  - 6. Primary search in the immediate area of the attack line.

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7. Establish a continual water supply, utilizing the closest water source.
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> Due Truck – functions may be assigned to crews other than those arriving on an aerial apparatus (ambulance crews, volunteers who arrive in their POV, or other crews arriving on scene).
  1. Position Side A.
  2. Primary search of the fire floor.
  3. Place ground ladders around the structure, starting with areas that show the greatest hazard, for access and egress.
  4. Vent, Enter, Isolate, Search (VEIS) as indicated.
  5. Coordinate ventilation with fire attack.
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Due Engine
  1. Pick up the first due engine's water supply, boost the Humat valve at the hydrant if necessary.
  2. Places a second attack line in service backing up the first due engine. This line should be of equal size and length, at minimum.
- D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Due Truck – functions may be assigned to crews other than those arriving on an aerial apparatus (ambulance crews, volunteers who arrive in their POV, or other crews arriving on scene).
  1. Position Side C, if possible.
  2. Primary search of the floor above the fire.
  3. Place supplemental ground ladders.
  4. Control utilities.
  5. Assist with lighting, overhaul and salvage.
- E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Due Engine
  1. Establishes a secondary water supply and positions on Side C if accessible.
  2. Function as the Rapid Intervention Team and completes those assignments as identified in SOG 421.0.
- F. 1<sup>st</sup> Due Medic Unit
  1. One individual will be assigned as medical and will report to the Command Post with their medical equipment.
  2. Two personnel shall report to the Command Post for their initial assignment.
- G. All other additional units shall stage in the direction of travel and await an assignment.

#### 409.04 Responsibilities

- A. Members assigned to interior operations need to provide the Incident Commander with situation updates on a regular basis. Those reports shall utilize the following format:
  1. C – CONDITIONS that are currently being experienced.
  2. A – ACTIONS that you have or are taking to complete your assigned task.

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3. N – NEEDS; what resources do you need to complete your assigned task.
  - B. If the individual from the first due Medic Unit assigned to medical support becomes committed to the fire suppression effort, the decision shall be made by the Incident Commander and relayed to the on-duty Career Officer in Charge. A second medic unit will be dispatched to the scene for medical support.
  - C. A staffed ALS unit must be available to assist the general public should a medical 911 call arise. This unit cannot be the same crew that is committed to the fire scene for medical support. The Incident Commander or the career Officer in Charge will have Ocean City Communications time stamp the card CVAC.