
Procedure	Effective Date	Rescinds
RESIDENTIAL FIRES	April 25, 1995	New

Reference

Fire Chiefs Association of Central Ohio
Norwich Township Fire Department SOG# 2

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Purpose:

The purpose of this procedure is to provide a guideline for the operation at incidents or situations that may arise during the course of an operation. Each member is expected to know, understand and operate according to this guideline as each situation arises.

Responsibility:

- I. It shall be the responsibility of the department officers to implement this operating guideline.
- II. It shall be the responsibility of the department officers to train their personnel in the application of this guideline.
- III. It shall be the responsibility of each member to know, understand and use this guideline as it applies to the situation at hand. Each member will use reasonable judgement in the use of this guideline.

Guideline:**A. Responding**

- * The officer of each responding unit will develop a preliminary plan based on the dispatch information.
- * The officer will clearly assign duties that deviate from standard practice.
- * Radio equipment will be placed on the appropriate channel.

B. Arrival

- * The first arriving unit shall give an appropriate incident size-up and establish command or pass it to the next arriving officer.

C. Nothing Showing

1. Nothing showing will be considered any incident where no visible personal injury and/or property damage has occurred.
2. The first arriving engine/ladder company should position the fire apparatus at the most appropriate position to attack the fire and/or protect exposures.
3. The first engine/ladder company should investigate the source of the alarm.
4. All remaining equipment should stage in a designated area until assigned by the IC.
5. Company/crews will report completion of assignment and stand by for further assignments.
6. Proper consideration will be given to assist the owner in correcting the problem (removing smoke/odors, calling utility companies, turning off power/gas etc.)

D. Working Incidents

1. This will be considered any incident where visible fire, moderate to large amounts of smoke are present and/or when any victim(s) are reported or encountered.
2. The first unit on the scene will communicate a working incident/fire. This indicates that the situation is of such seriousness that companies other than those initially arriving may be needed and those on the assignment should be prepared to go to work on arrival
3. The first arriving engine/ladder company should position the fire apparatus at the most appropriate position to attack the fire and/or protect exposures.
4. The attack or supplying engine pump operators shall set up the apparatus to be ready to pump and provide an adequate and uninterrupted supply of water.

Note: All suppression lines or method of extinguishment shall be determined by the officer in charge.

If EMS has not been dispatched or unavailable due to being used for suppression or patient care, additional EMS unit(s) should be requested by IC.

E. Operations

1. **Suppression** should be coordinated with ventilation and rescue efforts. Attack lines must be of sufficient size to quickly gain control of the incident.
2. **Safety** backup lines should be positioned to be used as needed. All structures having more than one level will be laddered to provide a second means of egress when companies are operating above the first floor. Prolonged operations and extreme weather will require rotation of crews.
3. **Salvage** runners, debris bags, salvage covers should be used to protect property and contents. This shall be accomplished when applicable and as soon as crews are available.
4. **Overhaul** should begin after the incident is contained. Cause and origin should be determined prior to removing or disturbing any contents. First in attack companies should not be considered for overhaul operations, except upon discretion of IC and based on the workload of the first in companies.
5. Proper consideration will be given to assist the owner in correcting the problem (removing smoke/odors, calling utility co's, turning off power/gas etc.)