

Jefferson County Fire and EMS Operational Guidelines

Jefferson County, WV

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PURPOSE:

Jefferson County Fire and Rescue Companies respond to a wide range of emergency incidents. This procedure identifies the operational guideline that can be employed in establishing predetermined response for all units coming to a structure fire in a hydrant area. This provides for the effective management of personnel and resources, providing for safety and welfare of personnel. This guideline establishes responsibilities of responding companies in a hydrant area.

A "Structure Box" to a hydrant area will consist of the following units:

- Four (4) Engine Companies
- One (1) Truck Company
- One (1) EMS Transport Company

PREDETERMINED RESPONSE ASSIGNMENTS

First Arriving Engine Company:

- Locate a hydrant, lay a supply line and communicate the hydrant/layout location.
- Position just past or short of the address to allow room for the Truck Company
- Give an on-scene report (size-up)
- Give additional actions (ie: Advancing a 1¾" line to front door.)
- Give necessary assignments to the incoming units.

NOTE: If no other officers or units are on the scene, the first arriving Engine Company Officer has Command until it is transferred to another officer or Chief upon their arrival.

Second Arriving Engine Company:

- Complete the water supply to the first Engine.
- Assist in advancing the initial attack line.
- Advance a back-up line if needed to support the first line. The second line may go above fire. Command must be advised.

Third Arriving Engine Company:

- Provide secondary water supply as needed; lay supplyline.
- Communicate the hydrant and water supply.
- Obtain visual inspection of side "C", to include any rear or basement access, and give report to Command.
- Check exposures for extension.

Fourth Arriving Engine Company:

- RIT.

First Arriving Truck Company:

- Position for aerial operations if needed
- Deploy ground ladders.
- Perform ventilation, forcible entry, and search and rescue operations.
- Rescue Squad, if on scene -
- Position out of the way.
- If there before the truck company, perform ventilation, forcible entry, search and rescue operations.

EMS Units:

- Position out of the way, ensuring quick egress if needed.
- Bring cot and first aid bag to Side A for any sick or injured patients or responders. The staging location should be on Side A, completely out of the way of any dangerous areas, atmospheres or conditions.
- Get ready for rehab and vitals.

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Chairman of the Chief's Committee

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Implementation Date: