



**Jefferson County Fire and EMS**  
**Predetermined Response for Structure Fires in**  
**Hydrant Area**  
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**Purpose:** To identify the operational guideline that can be employed in establishing predetermined response for all units responding to a structure fire in a hydrant area. This provides for the effective management of resources and safety of personnel.

**General:**

- A Structure Box dispatched to a hydrant area will consist of the following:
  - Four (4) Engine Companies
  - One (1) Truck Company
  - Two (2) EMS Transport Units

**Assignment:**

**First Arriving Engine Company:**

- Locate a hydrant, lay a supply line and communicate the layout instructions.
- Position unit just past or short of the address to allow sufficient room for the Truck Company.
- Provide a Scene Size-Up.
  - What you observe on arrival (building type, smoke, fire, etc.)
  - What you are going to do
  - What you want others to do
  - Any additional resources needed
- Make obvious rescues and ensure occupants are evaluated and given appropriate medical care.
- Advance an attack hose line of sufficient GPM flow and length to the fire area capable of confining, controlling, and/or extinguishing the fire.
- Conduct a primary search of the immediate fire area while advancing the attack hose line.

*NOTE: If no other officer(s) are on scene, the first arriving Engine Company Officer will have Command until it's transferred to another officer.*

**Second Arriving Engine Company:**

- Ensure continuous water supply to First Arriving Engine Company.
- Ensure that obvious rescues are being made and the occupants are evaluated and given appropriate emergency medical care.
- If the first due Engine Company Officer passes command, and no command officer has arrived on the scene, the second due Engine Company Officer shall establish Command.
- The crew from the second due Engine Company must ensure that the initial attack hose line from the first due Engine Company has been advanced to the fire area and is capable of confining, controlling, and/or extinguishing the fire.
- Unless directed otherwise by the Incident Commander, the crew should advance an attack hose line to the floor above the fire floor with greater GPM flow than the initial attack hose line and of sufficient length to cover any location in the dwelling.
- Conduct a primary search of any interior area that the crew is assigned to.

