

BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY OPERATING GUIDELINE

1.12 INCIDENT RESPONSE - SPRINKLERED OCCUPANCIES

1.12.1 Operations shall be conducted IAW OG# 1.8, in addition:

BUILDING FIRE

1.12.2 The IC shall:

- Assign an engine company to the FD connection. The assigned engine shall secure a water supply and hook up to the sprinkler connection with the appropriate lines (two 3" hose lines or a 5" hose line). The FD connection shall be supplied at 150 psi.
- Ensure that all exterior valves are open fully, and exterior drains are flowing.
- Assign appropriate personnel to verify that interior valves are fully open and system is operating properly.
- Ensure complete fire control and extinguishment before ordering shutdown of sprinkler system.
- Maintain a charged hose line in fire area and assign personnel equipped with portable radios to the system valves and the fire area until system is restored or building is turned over to a responsible party.

WATERFLOW ALARM

1.12.3 The IC shall:

- Assign engine company to FD connection (or water supply) to stand by.
- Ascertain whether system is operating. (motor gongs operating, sustained flow from system drains, water flowing from building.)
- Attempt to ascertain cause of alarm. (Fire, pressure surge, broken piping etc...)
- Ensure that a responsible party is on location or requested to respond.

1.12.4 Sustained system operation shall warrant immediate interior inspection.

1.12.5 Members shall not operate system controls, valves, or replace sprinkler heads with the following exceptions: In case of fire and the system is operating improperly or to prevent further property damage.

1.12.6 Buildings shall not be left unattended with a disabled sprinkler system. A responsible party of the owner, or an engine company shall stand by.

1.12.7 Inoperative sprinkler systems shall be reported to the District Fire Official.

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