

BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY OPERATING GUIDELINE

9.1 TACTICAL OPERATIONS - COMPANY ASSIGNMENTS

- 9.1.1 The following are general assignments to increase fire ground efficiency. These assignments are flexible and must be changed to meet tactical priorities and manpower requirements. Apparatus crews should be assigned as companies whenever possible, stressing crew integrity.
- 9.1.2 In lieu of specific orders, first arriving companies should operate within the framework of the Tactical Considerations sheets. Apparatus **should not** request orders via radio. Each radio communication by apparatus and exterior personnel should be carefully considered as to its effects on communications by **interior and working companies.**
- 9.1.3 First Arriving Engine
- 9.1.3.1 Should lay a supply hose if no officer is on location. Should establish water supply when going into limited access areas with an obvious working fire. May use discretion if an engine capable of performing the water supply function is close behind.
- 9.1.3.2 With nothing showing, the officer and 1 firefighter should fully investigate the situation. (Situation should be investigated by Truck Company in large buildings and apartment complexes, Engine should be prepared to stretch line)
- 9.1.3.3 Responsible for the following in a working fire:
- 1) Initial entry to structure
 - 2) Immediate rescue
 - 3) Deploy initial attack line, protect search crew access/interior victim egress routes.
 - 4) Locate, confine and extinguish fire.
 - 5) Pump operator provide exterior lighting to fire ground
- 9.1.4 Second Arriving Engine
- 9.1.4.1 Level 1 staging at closest hydrant unless otherwise ordered.
- 9.1.4.2 Responsible for following in working fire:
- 1) Establish water supply. May either lay supply line or pump supply line laid by first engine.
 - 2) Supply stand pipe or sprinkler connection if not committed to initial line.
 - 3) Deploy additional or back-up attack line.

General deployment of back-up line should be off the first engine via the same route as the first attack line.

- 9.1.5 First Arriving Truck
 - 9.1.5.1 Position in front of fire building or position of best advantage. Position to access multiple sides when possible.
 - 9.1.5.2 Responsible for following at working fire:
 - 1) Forcible Entry/Primary Search
 - A. Interior Egress Routes of occupants
 - B. Vent, Enter, Search (VES)
 - 2) Additional forcible entry, secondary egress route for firefighters.
 - 3) Assist engine in locating and overhauling fire.
 - 4) Interior lighting.
 - 5) Deploy elevated streams as required.

- 9.1.6 Second Arriving Truck
 - 9.1.6.1 Level 1 staging unless otherwise ordered.

 - 9.1.6.2 Responsible for following at working fire:
 - 1) Outside ventilation (horizontal and vertical)
 - 2) Ladder structure for roof access.
 - 3) Ladder structure for upper floor egress routes.
 - 4) Secondary egress route for interior crews.
 - 4) Provide lighting to exterior of structure.
 - 5) Salvage and overhaul as required.
 - 6) Deploy elevated streams as required.
 - 7) May be designated as initial F.A.S.T. company.

- 9.1.7 Third Arriving Engine
 - 9.1.7.1 Level 1 staging unless otherwise ordered.

 - 9.1.7.2 Responsible for following at working fire:
 - 1) Pump hydrant for initial supply line.
 - 2) Deploy second supply line if required.
 - 3) May be designated as initial F.A.S.T. company.

- 9.1.8 First Arriving Rescue
 - 9.1.8.1 Position not to obstruct other companies. For night time incidents, position to provide exterior lighting to structure.

 - 9.1.8.2 Personnel should be equipped with standard truck company tools, but may be assigned any of following duties at working fire:
 - 1) Assist with Truck assignments

- 2) Assist with Engine assignments
- 3) Act as F.A.S.T. company

9.1.9 First Arriving Squad

- 9.1.9.1 Locate in area of fire ground away from initial attack area, upwind.
- 9.1.9.2 Triage and transport of critical patients.
- 9.1.9.3 If no victims require immediate care responsible for following:
 - 1) Set up firefighter triage/rehabilitation division.
 - 2) Coordinate response of additional squads for transport or separation of firefighter triage and rehab divisions.
 - 3) Coordinate response of additional squads for care of civilian victims.

9.1.10 Additional Arriving Apparatus

- 9.1.10.1 Locate in appropriate staging level unless otherwise ordered.
- 9.1.10.2 Perform assignments as required by IC