

Blackwood Fire Company

Company Assignments
and Riding Positions



Basic Game Plan

- Good for most dwelling and apartment fires
- May need adjustment for large commercial buildings
- Sets us up for success
- Allows for assignment of initial basic tasks well ahead of arrival

Essential Jobs at Any Fire

- Water Supply
- Forcible Entry
- Search and Rescue
- Fire Attack
- Ventilation
- Back Up Line
- Remaining Compliant with 2 in / 2 out

Priorities – Why Plan?

- How long can we wait for a job to get done?
- What if we forget something?
- What do we not do?
- Having a game plan sets up our priorities.

Game Plan – 1st Engine

- 1st Engine lays In
- 1st Engine stretches correct line to front door.
- 2 of the members are designated as “Initial FAST” and remain outside.
- Officer has TIC, scans outside of dwelling, goes with nozzle to fire.

1st Truck

- Takes a position based on conditions
- Inside team has responsibility to force entry, locate the fire and search for victims. Equipped with a TIC.
- Outside team is also assigned “Initial Fast”
- Checks the rear of the building, throws ladders, horizontal vent, VES if necessary.

2nd Engine

- Water Supply – Either pumps first engine's line or makes sure its hooked up and flowing.
- Back Up Line – Stretches from first engine, protects engine and truck crews

2nd Truck

- Depending on type of other truck, position for greatest advantage of Tower.
- Single family dwellings – Usually exterior team, ladders, open up
- Commercial Buildings – Roof work, heavy forcible entry.
- Apartments – Floors above fire, roof

Results

- 3 crews
- All assignments covered
- IC sees big picture and makes adjustments as needed
- Additional apparatus assigned

3 Functions Assigned

- 1st Engine
- 2nd Engine
- 1st Truck
- 2nd Truck
- “Quint in Service”

Quint in Service

- Tower should go “Quint in Service” only when necessary.
- Engines should be assigned to attack where feasible.
- Tower needs to be clear that they are operating as an engine, next engine assumes their duties.

Engine Company Positions

- Driver
- Officer
- Seat 1 – Inside Team
- Seat 2 – Back Up
- Seat 3 – Door
- Seat 4 - Hydrant

Engine Driver

- Lays in from hydrant for obvious fires
- Positions to allow truck to access building
- Pumps to standard engine pressures
- Secures an SCBA for initial FAST assignment
- Secures sustained water supply as rapidly as possible

Engine Company Officer

- Inside Team / Fire Attack – First Engine
- Back Up Line – Second Engine
- TIC equipped if available
- Sizes up for fire location
- Selects correct size / length attack line
- Tools – Light, TIC, Radio

Seat 1 - NOZZLE

- Inside Team with Officer
- Operates nozzle of attack or back up line
- Responsible to deploy correct attack line
- Quint in Service - Operates with Officer as Forcible Entry / Search

Seat 2 – Back Up

- Back Up
- Initial forcible entry if no truck
- Assists in deploying line
- Initial FAST
- Moves in and backs up nozzle as additional personnel arrive
- Quint in Service – Outside Team - Outside Vent Position

Seat 3 - DOOR

- Door Man
- Assist in deploying line
- Initial FAST
- Keep attack line moving into building – No closer that 50' from nozzle.
- Quint in Service – Inside Team – Can Position

Seat 4 - HYDRANT

- Hydrant
- After water supply is established, stretch 2nd line or as directed
- Quint in Service – Outside Team - Roof Position

Seats 5 and 6 - EXTRA

- Extra – Assigned as required

Truck Company Positions

- Driver – 844 Driver
- Officer - 844
- Seat 1, Search – 844 Search
- Seat 2, OVM – 844 OV
- Seat 3, Can – 844 Can
- Seat 4, Roof - 844 Roof
- Seat 5 and 6. Extra – 844 Portable

Tower Driver

- Position to best advantage for tower
- Initial FAST
- Outside Team – Work with OV and Roof as required.
- Pedestal Operator for Tower
- Quint in Service – Pump Operator for Tower

Tower Officer

- Inside team with Search and Can positions
- Make entry equipped with TIC, Light, Radio
- Locate Fire, notify Fire Attack
- Search fire area and egress paths for victims
- 2nd Truck
 - SFD – May supervise outside truck functions
 - Apartment – Floors above fire
- Quint in Service – Nozzle Team

Seat 1 - Search

- Inside Team – Forcible Entry and Search
- Teamed with officer
- Equipped with Light, Irons, Hydra Ram
- Quint in Service – Nozzle team

Seat 2 – Outside Vent (OV)

- Outside Team – Outside Vent (OVM)
- Initial FAST
- 360 of building, report conditions in rear
- Locate fire, horizontal vent in conjunction with attack
- VES with roof or other partner as indicated
- Tower Operator
- Quint in Service – Back Up Position



Seat 3 - CAN

- Inside Team – Can
- Teamed with officer and search
- Equipped with radio, light, 6' hook and PW can.
- Extinguish incipient fire
- Control fire is possible to extend search
- Work with engine to open up
- Quint in Service – Door Position

Seat 4 - ROOF

- Outside Team – Roof Position
- Work with OV and driver
- Stay with OV if no roof ops indicated
- Prepare for roof ops (tools, ladders, etc..)
- Conduct roof ops with OV or extra
- Tower Operator
- Quint in Service – Hydrant Position



Seat 5 and 6 - EXTRA

- Extra
- Assigned as required
- Will generally back up outside teams or add a floor above fire team for apartments.

Rescue Company

- Wild card at structure fires
- Position for best use of tools and lights
- Assume truck company positions and equipment on arrival.
- May be assigned as:
 - FAST
 - Back up or additional lines
 - Support functions
 - Supplement working crews

Rescue Company - Extrications

- Driver – Supplies power, maintains tools
- Officer – Extrication Officer
- Seat 1 – Initial Access / Hazard Control
- Seat 2 – Stabilization
- Seat 3 – Tools
- Seat 4 – Tools
- Seat 5,6,7 - Extra