

Standard Operating Guidelines

Guideline 402.0 Structure Fires In Rural Areas



Purpose:

As with structure fires inside hydranted areas the dangers of structure fires in the rural areas are equally hazardous to firefighters. This guideline is established for controlling structure fires in the rural areas of our response district.

Guideline:

The use of the incident management system is paramount to the effective outcome of any incident and will be used on these types of fires.

Upon arrival of the first unit, the officer of that unit will perform a size up of the fire, and call for additional resources as necessary. The officer shall establish command and shall remain in charge of this fire until relieved by a higher ranking officer.

Responding Units and Personnel

1st. Engine on scene

If upon arrival at the fire scene and nothing is showing, the Engine Company will proceed to the building involved. If however smoke is showing or a working fire is in progress, the Engine shall lay a supply line or setup for drafting operations. The officer and the firefighters should proceed to attack the fire or initiate rescue. The driver shall operate the pump and set up for a water supply, either from a draft operation or from the second due engine.

2nd. Engine on scene

Upon arrival the officer shall request instructions from the officer in charge. This Engine could be used for water supply, firefighting, manpower, etc.

3rd. Engine on scene

Upon arrival the officer shall request instructions from the officer in charge. This Engine could be used for water supply, firefighting, manpower, etc.

4th Engine on scene

Upon arrival the officer shall request instructions from the officer in charge. This Engine could be used for water supply, firefighting, manpower, etc.

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Guideline 201.0 Structure Fires In the City



Tanker 26

The Tanker shall proceed to the fire scene and deploy its portable tanks and offload its water into one of the tanks. The Tanker then will proceed to the nearest water supply to refill and return to the scene.

Rescue 25

The Rescue shall proceed to the fire scene. The driver shall place lights in service as needed. The crew of the Rescue shall have as its priority the searching for victims in fires. They shall also perform ventilation, forcible entry, controlling of utilities, place additional ladders to the involved building, and may be used for firefighting.

Chief Officers

The Chief Officers shall proceed to the fire scene and assume command of the fire. The Chief Officer in charge shall be designated "Command" and shall have overall command and control of the emergency. He shall establish an Incident Command System, if not already established and direct operations. The officer in charge may establish any of the ICS positions as necessary to accomplish the necessary tasks.