

Enchanted Circle Regional Fire Association

Model Operating Procedures

Standard Company Assignments and Responsibilities

Purpose

This standard establishes pre-determined initial assignments for Engine and Truck Companies. These assignments are intended to minimize the amount of individual direction and time required to get into operation, integrate the efforts of all companies on the fireground, and maximize the effectiveness of limited initial resources.

Standard Company Assignments

Company fireground functions fall into two broad categories; Engine Company functions and Truck Company functions.

Engine Company Functions

The primary function of the Engine Company is to put water on the fire. Engine operations include:

- Developing water supply, typically one of the following:
 - On-board tank
 - Draft / water tender shuttle
 - Pressure supply / relay pumping
- Stretching hoselines
- Operating nozzles
- Performing overhaul

Truck Company Functions

Truck Companies provide all the fireground support functions that do not directly involve water. These functions include:

- Forcible entry
- Ventilation
- Search and Rescue
- Controlling utilities
- Opening walls and ceilings to check for extension
- Laddering upper stories and roofs
- Operating aerial ladders and elevated master streams
- Overhaul

Assignment of Company Functions

Apparatus arriving on the fireground will be assigned either Engine Company functions or Truck Company functions. This standard pre-determines those assignments according to order of arrival on the fireground. The IC should clarify those assignments, and make discretionary adjustments in order to take advantage of specific apparatus capabilities (such as an aerial ladder truck) or incident needs (such as complicated water supply problems).

- 1st apparatus – Engine function – side 1 (front) of building
 - Locate the fire building
 - Develop a water supply:
 - Lay in a supply line from a hydrant
 - If no hydrants, lay in a supply line from an accessible point for a water shuttle engine to pump.

- If fire scene has good accessibility for water tenders, place portable tank(s) and hard suction hose.
 - Size-Up, report, and establish command if not already done
 - Develop pump pressure
 - Stretch initial attack line
 - Establish accountability, entry and IRIC
- 2nd apparatus – Truck function
 - Force entry for Engine Company as necessary
 - Ventilate the fire building
 - Conduct primary search
 - Control utilities
 - Support engine in overhaul operations
- 3rd apparatus – Engine function
 - Develop second water supply
 - Assume RIC duties
 - Relieve 1st due engine interior personnel, alternating RIC and interior duties.