

BURLINGTON TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE #3

STRUCTURE FIRE

Purpose: That all personnel know the guidelines when dispatched to a structure fire.

Scope: For all personnel to know which apparatus respond and actions to take during a structure fire.

Apparatus Response:

1. 15-21
2. 15-22
3. 15-31
4. Unit requested by I.C.

Upon arrival at scene Establish Incident Command:

1. If no officer is available, the most senior Firefighter will be in charge as I.C. If there is a question of seniority, the driver of the pumper will be the I.C.
2. I.C. is to give a scene size up report.
3. I.C. will request the structure's power and gas service be turned off.
4. I.C. will request a fire incident channel if one is not assigned by Central Dispatch.
5. If/When transferring command, be sure to communicate all information that has been noted and all decisions made.
6. All personnel reporting in will place I.D. tag in its proper location. (Refer to Passport Accountability System S.O.G. #4).

Scene Size-up:

1. Is the structure occupied?
 - a. Will there be a need to place a search and rescue team into service?
 - b. Will there be a need to evacuate?
2. Is there a flashover or back draft hazard?
3. I.C. will determine if an assist is needed from another agency. (For structure fires a full assist is automatically done by Central Dispatch).
 - a. Is the fire large?
 - b. Is there enough manpower?
 - c. How many exposures need to be protected?

Pumper Placement:

1. When placing the pumper, consider the following: (Refer to Pumper Placement S.O.G. #8).
 - a. Overhead utilities.

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- b. Protect the apparatus from potential collapse of the structure and radiant heat from the fire.
 - c. Water supply/porta-tank or hose refill.
 - d. Unloading hose.
 - e. Exposures.
 - f. Ability to observe attack lines/scene.
2. The tanker driver will prepare to refill the pumper or assist in setting up the porta-tank.

Extinguishment/Attack of Fire:

1. 1-1/2" hose or larger will be used for initial attack.
2. SCBA will be used per SCBA S.O.G. #21.
3. Ventilate as deemed necessary by I.C.
4. Search and Rescue:
 - a. SCBA will be used per SCBA S.O.G. #21.
 - b. A back up team (R.I.T.) must be in place before the attack team enters any structure.
 - c. Adequate personnel must be present and properly equipped.
 - d. Follow Search and Rescue S.O.G. #9.

Salvage and Overhaul:

1. Prevent unnecessary damage.
2. Protect evidence of source or accelerants.
3. Check for fire extension.
4. SCBA will be used per SCBA S.O.G. #21.
5. Secure the property or return control to the owner.
6. Secure a permission to search form from the owner.

Mobile Homes:

1. These are considered structures!
2. Stay off roof unless necessary and be alert for more than one roof.

Additional Actions:

1. If any utility wire is down on scene, it will be marked with at least four green cones. Green cones are in the storage area above the pump panel on 15-21 and on the rear of 15-31. Cones will be placed a minimum of 25 feet away from the wire on either side. The cones will be placed at the beginning and end of the contact points with the ground. Caution or danger tape will be placed between the cones to cordon off the length of the wire. Green cones will be utilized for marking utility wires only.
2. Any Firefighter suspecting arson will notify I.C. **at once!**
3. If a family is displaced due to the fire the Red Cross can/should be notified. The I.C. will consult with the owner/occupants prior to making the call or requesting the call to be made through Central Dispatch.
4. The owners/occupants **will not** be allowed to enter the structure until the I.C. has been notified and has given permission.

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5. If board up is required, I.C. will verify the structure is covered by insurance, discuss the board up procedure with the owner, and have Central Dispatch contact a board up company.

Clearing the Scene:

1. I.C. shall verify all hot and smoldering spots are fully extinguished.
2. I.C. will verify the structures power and gas service has been turned off.
3. I.C. will clear the department from the location with Central Dispatch.
4. All apparatus and equipment will be refueled before returning to the station.
5. Everyone shall report back to the station for cleanup.

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