

BURLINGTON TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE #8

ENGINE PLACEMENT AT STRUCTURE FIRES

Purpose: That all personnel know the guidelines for positioning the engine at a structure fire.

Scope: To provide guidance on how to place the engine at a scene.

1. The primary concern of the engine operator is to place the apparatus so that it will not be in danger, and that it will be in the most efficient position to fight the fire. Remember the porta-tanks are an important part of our firefighting ability and we must place the engine to allow for their use.
2. If the engine is to be placed in the yard (try to avoid if at all possible), or driveway (in the event of a long driveway), it should be placed first to allow for the use of large diameter hose, for a relay. Secondly, it should be placed to allow for the use of a porta-tank.
3. If the engine is to be placed on the road, it should be placed in a safe manner to allow for the porta-tank to be set up and still maintain at least one lane of traffic on the road. Cones should be placed to direct traffic away from the apparatus and firefighting operations.
4. In the event the engine must be placed in a location that will not allow the porta-tank to be used, the engine operator will lay large diameter hose to allow the second apparatus to feed the engine.