

Policy: Standard Company Operations

Purpose: Standard company operations assign basic fireground functions and activities to the various companies based upon the capability and characteristics of each type of unit. Standard company operations assign major fireground functions to the particular company who can best accomplish the operation. Standard company operations integrate the efforts of engine, truck, tanker and squad companies to achieve effective rescue, fire control and property conservation. Standard company operations increase the awareness and confidence of company members in the standard performance of other companies operating on the fireground. Standard company operations reduce the amount and detail of orders required to get companies into action on the fireground.

Scope: This policy applies to all Northern Piatt Fire Department personnel.

The following items represent the standard operations that will normally be performed by engine, truck and squad companies. These basic functions will provide the framework for field operations for these companies:

- Engine Company Functions:
 - Search, rescue and treatment
 - Stretch hose lines
 - Operate nozzles
 - Pump hose lines

- Truck Company Functions:
 - Search, rescue and treatment
 - Ventilate
 - Forcible entry
 - Raise ladders
 - Operate ladder pipes

- Squad Company Functions:
 - Search, rescue and treatment
 - Perform salvage
 - Forcible entry
 - Ventilate
 - Raise ladders
 - Provide access/check fire extension
 - Utility control
 - Provide light
 - Perform overhaul
 - Extrication

- Tanker Company Functions:
 - Water supply

In Level I Staging situations, first arriving engine, truck, and rescue companies will automatically perform these functions as required unless ordered by Command. These companies will advise Command on the type of function they are performing.

This does not limit a company to only its listed functions. Every company will be expected to perform all basic functions safely within the limits of their capability, and it will be the on-going responsibility of Command to integrate tasks and functions as required with the on-scene units.

In the absence (or delay) of truck company response, Command should assign truck functions to an engine company: "Engine 342, perform truck functions." In such cases, engine companies will perform all truck functions within the capability of their company.

The assignment of these basic operations represents a standard fireground plan for tactical operations designed to improve the effectiveness and safety of all units working together. This plan should in no way limit the initiative of any officer and should enhance the decision making process of all officers by establishing a standard operational framework.

By the Order of: _____
Fire Chief

Date: _____