

## MOUNTAIN BROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Standard Company Fireground Responsibilities

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### Standard Company Operations:

- Standard company operations assign basic fireground functions and activities to companies based upon the capability and characteristics of each type of unit.
- Standard company operations assign fireground functions to the particular company that can best accomplish the operation.
- Standard company operations integrate the efforts of engine, ladder, and EMS/transport companies to achieve effective rescue, fire control, and loss control activities.
- 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.

The following items represent the standard operations that will normally be performed by engine, ladder, battalion and EMS/Transport companies on the fireground. These functions will provide the framework for field operation for these companies.

**First Arriving Engine Company Functions:** Search & rescue, Fire suppression, Initial size-up & Water supplies.

- Lt - PPE, SCBA, Portable radio, TIC (thermal imaging camera) and hand light. Size-up situation, mode of operation (offensive, transitional attack, defensive or investigative), determine proper engine placement, direct line placement. If in an investigative mode go to master alarm panel and report findings to arriving units.
- AO - Bunker pants (after arrival) & Portable radio. Establish water supply, operate pump and scene lights, start accountability until Battalion 1 arrives and pull back-up lines if time permits. Stand ready to bring equipment to the Warm Zone if needed.
- FF1 - PPE, SCBA Portable radio & Forcible entry tools. Pull suppression line to position indicated by your company officer, operate nozzle (line operations take priority over forcible entry tools).
- FF2 - PPE, SCBA, Portable radio, Forcible entry tools or tool bag. Assist with laying lines. Receive assignment from your company officer.

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**Ladder Company Functions:** Search & rescue, Ventilation, Forcible entry, Laddering, Operating ladder pipe, Overhaul, Utility control and Scene lighting.

- **LT** - PPE, SCBA, Portable radio, TIC and Hand light. Determine best advantage point to maximize the use of the ladder. Check-in with Incident Command (Accountability) and receive assignment for ladder operations. Assist in clearing structure of all occupants. Consider requirements for ventilation and laddering of multi-story structures.
- **A/O** - Bunker pants (after arrival) & Portable Radio. Provide lighting, proper placement of aerial, and quick placement of PPV fan.
- **FF1** - PPE, SCBA, Portable radio & Hand light. Wait instructions from company officer.
- **FF2** - PPE, SCBA, Portable radio & Hand light. Wait instructions from company officer.

**Second Arriving Engine Company Functions:** Supply water to first engine if necessary, Operating backup line and Rapid Intervention Team. On sprinkled/standpiped buildings, the second due engine is responsible for supplying the system.

- **LT** - PPE, SCBA, Portable radio, TIC and Hand light. Stage at nearest hydrant. Check-in with Incident Command (Accountability) and receive assignment for engine operations.
- **A/O** - PPE (after arrival), SCBA, Portable radio and Hand light. Wait instruction from company officer.
- **FF1** - PPE, SCBA, Portable radio & Hand light. Wait instructions from company officer.
- **FF2** - PPE, SCBA, Portable radio & Hand light. Wait instructions from company officer.

**Third Arriving Engine Company Functions:** Support of the fire operations, Provide second transport unit & Rehab supplies. Position apparatus in area where it can respond on additional emergencies.

- **LT** - PPE, SCBA, Portable radio and Hand light. Check-in with incident command (Accountability) and receive assignment for support operations.
- **A/O** - PPE, SCBA, Portable radio & Hand light. Wait instructions from company officer.
- **FF1** - PPE, SCBA, Portable radio & Hand light. Wait instructions from company officer.
- **FF2** - PPE, SCBA, Portable radio & Hand light. Wait instructions from company officer.

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**EMS/Transport Functions:** Transportation of sick and injured to medical facilities. Assist the incident command with Accountability and Possible RIT.

- **Firemedic** - PPE & Portable radio. Check-in with incident command for assignment.

**Battalion One Functions:** Incident command. Size up of incident. Development of action plan. Revise the incident plan as needed. Overall safety of incident and Managing resources.

- **Incident Commander** - PPE and Portable radio.

The first arriving engine and ladder companies will perform these functions as required and ordered by the Shift Commander.

Company officers will determine, based upon conditions at the scene, the priority of the functions for their company unless otherwise ordered by the Shift Commander.

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 the Shift Commander to integrate tasks and functions as required with the on-scene units.

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.