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PURPOSE

This procedure is to ensure that the Support Companies arriving at the scene of a fire in a residential dwelling shall operate to support the tactical objectives of initial fire attack.

SCOPE

This procedure shall apply to support companies (Squad/Second Engine Company) arriving early on at the scene of a fire.

ENFORCEMENT

The primary responsibility for adherence to this procedure rests with each Individual. Company officers (Captains and Lieutenants) are responsible for enforcement of this procedure. Authority to deviate from this procedure rests with the company officers who shall be responsible for the results of any deviation.

APPLICATION

Squad Company once on the scene shall divide its members into task related assignments.

- Officer - shall be equipped with SCBA, the "A" Tool and a large handlight.
- Driver- shall be equipped with power saw and handlight.
- Irons Man- shall be equipped with SCBA, flat head axe, halligan bar, and a handlight.
- Can Man- shall be equipped with SCBA, a pump can, six foot pike pole, and a handlight
- Outside Vent Man (OVM)- shall be equipped with SCBA, a Halligan bar, Six foot pike pole, and a handlight.
- Roofman- shall be equipped with SCBA, flat head axe, applicable pike pole, and handlight.

Officer shall team up with the Irons Man, and the Can Man to make entry into the building. The responsibility of the inside squad is to support initial attack tactics ie. forcible entry, primary search, interior ventilation, and overhaul. With the assortment of tools carried by this team, they will be able to meet the needs of their job priorities without returning to the apparatus for more tools.

Outside Vent Man(OVM) and the Roofman will act as the eyes of the attack engine company on the outside of the building. They will size up the exterior areas remote to the attack team and/or incident commander. They will advise Command and the attack team of fire areas found when looking at structure, and looking into windows from the outside. When the engine company charges their first handline the OVM shall if possible ventilate the fire areas from the outside to provide ventilation for the attack companies. OVM shall also make entry into areas that would be a high probability of rescue (places where occupants may be sleeping dependant on the time of day). Once inside of these areas he shall close interior doors to isolate the fire from the area he is searching. Once these jobs are complete they shall assist with topside ventilation on the roof.

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Driver shall place apparatus leaving the front of the building open for the truck company, however close enough to operate lights, and provide support to the incident. He shall then move power saw to the building to prepare for topside ventilation. Driver shall attempt to allocate a ladder to reach the roof for topside ventilation. When OVM and Roofman have completed initial assignments they shall meet with Roofman and go to the roof for topside ventilation. Functional Priorities, Irons Man, Can Man and Officer.

Signature of Chief Dale VanderBoegh

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