

Union County Standard Operating Guidelines
Fireground Operations

Fireground Operations, SOG 3.10

STANDARD COMPANY OPERATIONS

1. Intent and Purpose
 - a. Standard Company Operations are intended to inform Fire Department personnel of the functions of the various tactical units. They also reduce the amount and detail of orders required for moving Companies into action on the emergency scene. This is key to the integration of engine and truck operations, maximizing rescue efforts, incident control, and property conservation efforts.
 - b. The Incident Commander, Division Officers, and Company Officers operating at multiple company and/or multiple agency emergencies shall coordinate and integrate their efforts, task, and functions so as to produce harmonious, effective, and efficient operations.
 - c. Incident Commanders shall endeavor to utilize the various fire companies to their best advantage within the scope of their various standard functions; but may, if the need arises, utilize companies for any function, which may be required.
 - d. Fire companies must maintain a level of flexibility, which will insure their ability to perform the functions of other types of companies (limited to available equipment and apparatus) as the situation demands.
 - e. Division Officers and Company officers shall insure that the fire companies, which they are assigned, are able to perform the various functions designated for that company as well as maintain the level of flexibility necessary to perform other functions as required.
2. Engine Company Operations
 - a. Search and rescue of victims of an emergency incident.
 - b. Protection of exposures, property, and lives from the threat of an emergency.
 - c. Confine the emergency incident to the smallest area as safety, resources, conditions, and time will allow.
 - d. Extinguish or mitigate emergency incidents.
 - e. Conducts overhaul operations to facilitate extinguishment.
 - f. Provide adequate and efficient water supply to hose lines and other apparatus utilizing water to control the emergency incident.
 - g. Provide RIT operations if assigned.
 - h. Provide basic and/or advanced emergency medical service to personnel and victims of emergency incident.
 - i. Provide assistance to EMS on medical incidents.
 - j. Perform truck company operations if the need arises.
3. Truck Company Operations
 - a. Search, rescue, and treatment of injured victims and personnel.
 - b. Provide forcible entry.
 - c. Raise ground ladders.

Union County Standard Operating Guidelines
Fireground Operations

- d. Provide coordinated ventilation with fire attack.
 - e. Check for fire extension and overhaul.
 - f. Provide on scene lighting.
 - g. Provide control of utilities.
 - h. Perform salvage and overhaul duties.
 - i. Perform extrication.
 - j. Provide RIT operations if assigned.
 - k. Perform engine company operations as need arises.
4. Water Supply Operations
- a. Secure a water supply (i.e. dump tank, pond, river, hydrant) and set up filling operations (i.e. drafting or supply line).
 - b. Set up movement of water if necessary (i.e. water shuttle, hose lay, relaying pumping). Remember the apparatus with the greatest pumping capacity should be at the water source.
 - c. Maintain adequate resources. The keys to efficient water shuttles are fast-fill and fast-dump times. Water supply Officers should be positioned at both the dump and fill sites.
 - d. As manpower is available, consideration should be given to assigning personnel to traffic control, hydrant operators, hookups, and tank dumping operation.
 - e. If possible, the drivers should remain in their vehicles during dump tank operations.
5. Rescue Company Operations
- a. Search for victims in high hazard areas.
 - b. Provide specialized tools for use with victim extrication.
 - c. Establish RIT when requested by command.
 - d. Secure utilities when necessary.
 - e. Assume duties of Engine or Truck companies when needed.