

Union County Standard Operating Guidelines
Fireground Operations

Fireground Operations, SOG 3.46

RETURNING COMPANIES TO SERVICE

1. Intent and Purpose
 - a. To insure that fire companies and units are returned to available status as quickly as is possible after emergency operations have concluded.
2. Responsibility
 - a. Incident Commanders are responsible for releasing fire companies and/or units as soon as is safely possible from the scene of emergencies which have been brought under control.
 - b. Company Officers are responsible for making their companies available and/or returning them to service as quickly as possible.
3. Procedure
 - a. All companies and/or units who have been released from an emergency scene shall insure that they are sufficiently re-equipped and ready for response.
 - b. As soon as companies and/or units become available for response, they shall notify dispatch via radio.
 - c. Upon returning to quarters, fire companies and/or units shall endeavor to quickly and completely refuel (below $\frac{3}{4}$), refill, re-equip, and re-supply their apparatus so as to be fully ready for the next alarm. Hand tools should be cleaned and inspected (damaged tools should be repaired or taken out of service and replaced ASAP). Properly document all repairs and damage to equipment.
 - d. Whenever fire companies and/or units are operating at an emergency scene, but are being held in an available status, they shall endeavor to remain in a condition of readiness, sufficiently equipped, and able to respond.
 - e. Whenever possible, Mutual Aid companies should be placed in-service prior to UCFD companies responsible for fire response area, so they can cover their territories if necessary.