

Union County Standard Operating Guidelines
Fireground Operations

Fireground Operations, SOG 3.02

FIREGROUND SAFETY

1. Intent & Purpose

Safety is not only the Incident Commander's, but also every member's responsibility at every incident. A Safety Officer (ISO) should be assigned at every incident.

Safety is ultimately the Incident Commander's responsibility until he assigns someone to that position. However, everyone on the fire ground owes the system a strong commitment. It is extremely important that every member of UCFD's accept responsibility for operating within the established guidelines. It is their duty to report unsafe conditions to the ISO or the IC.

2. Minimum Operating Safety Guidelines

- a. Use and wear of protective clothing. This includes helmet with chinstrap, fire resistant hood, coat, bunker pants, boots (steel toe and shank), and gloves.
- b. Use and wear of proper eye protection. Helmet shields may not be appropriate eye protection for all circumstances (i.e. hydraulic tool operations).
- c. Use and wear of SCBA.
- d. Use and wear of PASS device.
- e. A Firefighter shall operate only with their assigned company or as assigned by their Company Officer (*No Free Lancing*).
- f. Operate tools and equipment safely, carefully, and within the manufacturer's specifications.
- g. Follow SOG's.