

Union County Standard Operating Guidelines
Fireground Operations

Fireground Operations, SOG 3.10

STANDARD COMPANY OPERATIONS

1. Intent and Purpose

- a. Standard Company Operations identify 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.
- b. The Incident Commander and 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 standard functions; but may, if the need arises, utilize companies for any function, which may be required.
- d. Officers shall insure that the fire companies under their control 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.
- b. Protection of exposures, property, and lives.
- 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.
- g. Provide RIT operations if assigned.
- h. Provide basic and/or advanced emergency medical service to personnel and victims.

3. Truck Company Operations

- a. Search, rescue, and treatment of injured victims and personnel.
- b. Provide forcible entry.
- c. Raise ground ladders.
- 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.

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4. Water Supply Operations

- a. Secure a water supply (i.e. dump tank, pond, river, hydrant) and set up operations (i.e. drafting or supply line).
- b. Set up movement of water if necessary (i.e. water shuttle, hose lay, relaying pumping). 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.