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***PURPOSE***

The most basic unit of the fire department is the fire company. Each company provides equipment and personnel that provide a unique and specific function on the emergency scene.

***OBJECTIVE***

To provide personnel with information regarding the typical operations and use of the different companies utilized throughout the department.

***SCOPE***

All Personnel

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Incident commanders, and other incident management positions operating at multiple company and/or multiple agency emergencies, shall coordinate and integrate their efforts, tasks, and functions to produce harmonious, effective, and efficient operations.

Incident commanders shall attempt to utilize the various fire companies to their best advantage within the scope of their standard functions. However, he/she may utilize companies for any function that may be required.

Fire companies must maintain a level of flexibility that will ensure their ability to perform the functions of other types of companies (limited to available equipment and apparatus) as the situation demands.

Chief officers and company officers shall ensure that the fire companies they are assigned are able to perform the various standard functions designated for that company, and are able to maintain the level of flexibility necessary to perform other functions as required.

**STANDARD OPERATIONS**

The following information outlines the most basic functions of each company, but should not be considered all-inclusive:

**ENGINE COMPANY**

- Search, rescue, and treatment of injured victims at emergency incidents
- Deploy and utilize attack hoselines to protect exposures, property, and lives from threat of fire
- Confine fire and smoke damage to the smallest area as safety, resources, conditions, and time will allow
- Extinguish or mitigate all fire emergency incidents
- Conduct overhaul operations to ensure fire extinguishment

- Provide an adequate and efficient water supply to hoselines and other apparatus to control fires and other emergencies
- Provide emergency medical care and extrication to victims at the scene of motor vehicle accidents and other emergency medical or rescue incidents
- Provide assistance to local EMS agencies at the scene of medical incidents
- Secure landing zones and provide support for emergency helicopter operations
- Perform special tasks and operations as trained and assigned
- Perform tasks and operations normally carried out by different type companies if required

#### LADDER / TRUCK COMPANY

- Search, rescue, and treatment of injured victims at emergency incidents
- Provide forcible entry into locked and/or secured structures
- Raise and operate aerial and ground ladders
- Provide for the ventilation of smoke-charged structures
- Check for fire extension
- Provide control of building utilities (electricity, water, gas)
- Operate aerial master streams
- Establish temporary standpipe systems with aerial ladder as needed
- Perform salvage and overhaul
- Perform special tasks and operations as trained and assigned
- Perform tasks and operations normally carried out by different type companies if required

#### SQUAD / RESCUE COMPANY

- Search, rescue, and treatment of injured victims at emergency incidents
- Provide emergency medical care and extrication to victims at the scene of motor vehicle accidents and other emergency medical or rescue incidents
- Provide assistance to local EMS agencies
- Operate as Rehabilitation Unit as required
- Operate specialized rescue equipment at technical rescue incidents
- Perform special tasks and operations as trained and assigned
- Perform tasks and operations normally carried out by different type companies as required

#### WATER TENDER (TANKER)

- Deploy and utilize hoselines to protect exposures, property, and lives from threat of fire
- Establish a direct water supply to pumping apparatus at the scene of a fire emergency
- Establish tender operations (tanker shuttle), utilizing dump tanks, hydrants, and static sources, to deliver an adequate and efficient water supply to fire incidents that are remote from a water source
- Perform special tasks and operations as trained and assigned

- Perform tasks and operations normally carried out by different type companies as required

**BRUSH TRUCK**

- Deploy and utilize hoselines to protect exposures, property, and lives from threat of brush/wildland fires
- Confine brush/wildland fires to the smallest area as safety, resources, conditions, and time will allow
- Extinguish or mitigate brush/wildland fire emergency incidents
- Conduct overhaul operations to ensure brush/wildland fire extinguishment
- Perform special tasks and operations as trained and assigned
- Perform tasks and operations normally carried out by different type companies if required

**AIR SUPPLY TRUCK**

- Provide extra SCBA cylinders and filling capabilities at the scene of a fire emergency or other emergency requiring a remote air supply source
- Perform special tasks and operations as trained and assigned
- Perform tasks and operations normally carried out by different type companies if required