

## ESCAMBIA COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE

*Standard Operating Guidelines*

**1125.015**

### **Acquired Structures**

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### ***PURPOSE:***

To establish a standard and consistent process to utilize when training at an acquired structure

### ***OBJECTIVE:***

Conduct productive and safe training on acquired structures while communicating with area residents. Also, to provide a clear set of expectations and requirements to be completed by members conducting training at acquired structures

### ***SCOPE:***

All Personnel

## **PROCEDURES**

- Verification with Risk Management (ownership and asbestos testing)
- Verification of clear title and no insurance (personally owned)
- Verification of all utilities secured
- Verification of completed acquired structure agreement (personally owned)
- Training notice sent to all personnel (the notice shall contain at a minimum the address, dates available for training, any restrictions and referral to Acquired Structures SOG as well as required training agenda)
- All training will be coordinated and approved by the training division
- Verification of address of property
- Notification to area residents of training (flyers, signs, etc. with fire training divisions phone number provided)
- Operating hours from 0800 until 2000

## **RULES OF OPERATIONS**

- There shall be no burning to include smoke barrels in these acquired structures unless written authorization has been provided from the training division
- Each building will be surveyed for asbestosis before any training can begin.
- Site security shall be a high priority. Doors and windows will be secured at the end of each training session.
- We will follow to the letter any instructions or directions we may receive from Escambia County or the demolition company. Examples might be: Breach Walls/Don't Breach Walls, seal up holes cut in roofs, restrictions on door removals, etc.
- Use water supply practices that will not create any traffic interruptions.
- Use parking and staging practices that will not create traffic problems.



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- Grounds will be policed after each training session. It's our mission to leave the property better than we find it.
- A daily Plan of Action, like an IAP, but not as detailed will be written for each day's training. This Plan of Action will be shared with, and have the approval of the Training Division for each day the structure is used.

A Safety Briefing will be conducted with all participants before the start of any exercise. Safety Briefings will be documented in the Training Report.

ECFR has been advised several single family residential structures will be available for use as training sites prior to their demolition. Below is a list of standardized training objectives which will be performed commonly in these structures.

#### •Incident Command

- Command personnel will practice incident command and accountability procedures.
- Company officers will train as sector or division officers directly supervising a small number of firefighters to complete an assigned task.

#### •Firefighter Safety & Survival

- Firefighter Orientation
  - While operating in a limited, to no visibility environment, personnel will navigate the structure and exit as needed.
- SCBA Familiarity
  - While operating in a limited, to no visibility environment, personnel will reconfigure their SCBA into an operational unit.
- MAYDAY Training
  - Personnel will be placed into various situations which will require them to call for help, "MAYDAY". Personnel will use their radio to provide the needed information to enable rescuers to locate them.



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- Wall Breaching/SCBA
  - Personnel will breach through interior walls to allow them access to an area of safety.
  - Personnel will use "reduced profile" techniques with their SCBA to allow passage through areas of minimal clearance and width.
- Engine Company Operations**
  - Hose line Advancement
    - Personnel will advance a variety of attack hose configurations into the structure during a simulated fire attack.
  - Water Supply Operations
    - Apparatus operators will establish water supplies from other apparatus and hydrant supplied water sources
    - Apparatus operators will learn to maintain correct and consistent pressures while pumping multiple hose lines
- Truck Company Operations**
  - Forcible Entry
    - A variety of techniques and methods will be used to force entry into a secured structure
      - Search & Rescue
    - Personnel will make entry onto the structure and search for simulated victims and fire.
  - Ventilation
    - Operations will be conducted in providing ventilation via roof openings or windows/doors on the structure.
  - Ladders
    - Review of proper ladders techniques used to gain access to the roof of the structure.