Dix Hills Fire Department

Basic Strategies and Tactics for Initial Company Operations

Apparatus Riding Positions

- Engine
  - MPO
  - OIC
  - NOZ
  - CON
  - BU
  - DOOR
- Truck
  - MPO
  - OIC
  - CAN
  - ROOF
  - IRONS
  - OV

Fire Ground Priorities

- Protection of
  - Life (Firefighters and Civilians)
  - Property
- How?
  - Water Supply
  - Apparatus Placement
  - Stretching Line (Appropriate size and length)
  - Line Placement
  - Ventilation (Proper)
  - Search
  - Portable Ladders

Truck Company Responsibilities

- Officer
  - Equipment – SCBA, Radio, Light, T.I.C., Officers Tool
  - Size Up
  - Lead the search for life and fire
  - Coordinate ventilation
  - Coordinated communication between outside team and engine officer
  - Report progress to IC

Truck Company Responsibilities

- Forcible Entry Position (Irons)
  - Equipment – Radio, SCBA, Light, Axe, Halligan, Maul, Rabbit/Hydra Ram
  - Size-Up
  - Force entry to the main entrance to the building
  - Conduct search with the officer for life/fire
  - Ventilate when directed

Truck Company Responsibilities

- Extinguisher Position (Can)
  - Equipment – Radio, SCBA, Light, 2 ½ Gallon P.W.C., 6’ hook
  - Size-up
  - Assist with forcible entry
  - Conduct search with the officer
  - Uses can to push back fire allowing other members to search past the fire or confine fire in a room
  - Protection from fire if cut off by increasing fire situation

Truck Company Responsibilities

- Outside Vent (OV)
  - Equipment – Radio, SCBA, Light, Halligan, Halligan Hook, Portable Ladder
  - Size-Up
  - Report findings to IC (Trapped endangered occupants, fire/smoke from windows or attic eaves, set-backs, pools, any negative harmful findings, any positive findings)
  - Position rear/sides for V.E.S./Victim removal of upper floors
  - Raise portable ladders to windows or useable porch area
  - Coordinate outside ventilation with inside crews

Truck Company Responsibilities

- Roof
  - Equipment – Radio, SCBA, Light, Halligan, Halligan Hook, Portable Ladder, Cutters Edge
  - Size-Up
  - Operates same as OV position
  - Roof operations are NOT first priority on peaked roofs
  - Room and OC will work together to perform V.E.S.

Truck Company Responsibilities

- Chauffeur (MPO)
  - Equipment – Radio, SCBA, Light, Any tool they may require to assist
  - Position apparatus at hydrant and ensure water supply
  - Assist MPO of the first due engine
  - Monitor portable radio (FIREGROUND) (Dispatch Channel)
  - Operate as outside team assisting the OV and Roof with their assignments

Engine Company Responsibilities

- Officer
  - Equipment – SCBA, Radio, Light, T.I.C., Officers Tool
  - Size Up
  - Locate, confine and extinguish fire
  - Direct placement and movement of engine company and hoselines
  - Coordinated communication with truck company officer
  - Report progress to IC

Engine Company Responsibilities

- Nozzle
  - Equipment – SCBA, Radio, Light
  - Size Up
  - Stretch appropriate primary attack line
  - Operate as directed by officer

Engine Company Responsibilities

- Back-Up
  - Equipment – SCBA, Radio, Light
  - Size Up
  - Assist in the stretch of the primary attack line
  - Back up the nozzle
  - Relief of the nozzle when needed

Engine Company Responsibilities

- Door
  - Equipment – SCBA, Radio, Light
  - Size Up
  - If control is at the hydrant, be sure to clear the bed of all remaining hose (If pre-connected) and take out kinks
  - Assist in stretch and movement of primary attack line
  - Relief of the back-up when needed
  - Stretch a second attack line if needed

Engine Company Responsibilities

- Control
  - Equipment – SCBA, Radio, Light
  - Size Up
  - Put hydrant equipment at hydrant and wrap 5” hose around hydrant
  - Depending on the orders of the officer, get back on truck or flush hydrant, connect 5” and open hydrant when instructed to do so
  - Clear the bed of any remaining hose and ensure all kinks are out of the line
  - Assist in the stretch and movement of primary attack line
  - Stretch a second attack line if needed

Engine Company Responsibilities

- MPO
  - Equipment –Radio
  - Size Up
  - Prepare truck to pump
  - Double check line that will be operating
  - Calculate pump pressure
  - Connect water supply to truck
  - Operate pump
  - Monitor radio
  - Inventory equipment