
Section: 5.1 Standard Company Operations

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SCOPE

This guideline applies to all South Metro Fire Department personnel responsible for emergency response

PURPOSE

Standard company operations assign basic fireground functions and activities to companies based upon the capability and characteristics of each type of unit. These operations assign major fireground functions to the particular company who can best accomplish the operation.

These operations integrate the efforts of engine, ladder, and rescue companies to achieve effective fire control, rescue and property conservation responsibilities of the Fire Department.

Standard company operations increase the awareness and confidence of department personnel in the standard performance of other companies operating on the fireground.

These operations reduce the amount and detail of orders required to accomplish basic tasks which are part of every fireground operation. Companies know their responsibilities before arriving at the scene.

Standard company operations represent a standard fireground plan for general tactical operations. These are designed to improve the effectiveness of all South Metro Fire Department and mutual aid units working together to control an emergency. These standard operating guidelines should in no way be understood as limiting the initiative of any officer or firefighter. They should enhance the decision-making process of all officers by establishing a standard operational framework.

PROCEDURE

- **The first-arriving unit will assume command in accordance with department guidelines.**

First-Due Engine Company Functions:

1. Ventilate (PPA – Reference SOG 5.18 Positive Pressure Attack)
2. Search and rescue
3. Stretch hose lines
4. Charge hose lines
5. Gain entry to fire area
6. Operate nozzles

First-Due Ladder (or 2nd Due Engine) Company Functions:

1. Search and rescue
2. Ventilate
3. Forcible entry
4. Raise ladders
5. Perform salvage & overhaul
6. Establish water supply if requested

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All later arriving units will level-1 stage, and wait to be assigned by the incident commander (IC), which may include the following tasks or assignments:

Second-Due Station or Mutual Aid Company Functions:

1. Establish On-Deck
2. Establish water supply
3. Stretch backup hose lines
4. Establish RIT communications
5. Open secondary means of egress and bailout
6. Place ladders on all sides of building
7. Utility Control
8. Illuminate fireground
9. RIT tool setup
10. Continuous size-up
11. Other duties as assigned by Command

The first arriving engine, ladder, and rescue companies will perform these functions as required and ordered by Command. These companies will advise Command or dispatch on the type of function they are performing.

Company officers should continuously evaluate and communicate conditions to aid Command in setting priorities based on the risk management profile.

In the absence (or delay) of ladder company response, the duties of the ladder company shall be done by the second-due engine. In such cases, engine companies will perform all ladder functions within the capability of their company.