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III. STANDARD COMPANY OPERATIONS

A. Scope

1. Standard Company Operations outline basic fireground functions and activities for emergency response units based upon the capability and characteristics of each unit.
2. Standard Company Operations outline major fireground functions for a particular unit that can best accomplish the operation.
3. Standard Company Operations integrate the efforts of engine, truck, and rescue companies to achieve effective rescue, fire control and property conservation.
4. Standard Company Operations increases the awareness and confidence of company members in the standard performance of other companies operating on the fireground.
5. Standard Company Operations reduce the amount and detail of orders required to get companies into action on the fireground.

B. Functions

The following items represent the standard operations that will normally be performed by engine companies and truck companies. These basic functions will provide the framework for field operations for these companies:

1. Primary Engine Company Functions:
 - a. Priorities:
 - 1) Initial Radio Report (Size Up)
 - 2) Establish Command
 - 3) Status report
 - 4) Search/Rescue
 - 5) Confine/Establish control zone
 - 6) Protect exposures
 - 7) Extinguish
 - 8) Salvage/Prevent additional damage

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b. Others:

- 1) Establish a water supply
- 2) Lay hose lines
- 3) Provide proper pump pressure to hose lines
- 4) Operate nozzles

2. Truck Company Functions:

- a. Status report
- b. Search and rescue
- c. Forcible entry
- d. Raise and place ladders
- e. Ventilate
- f. Provide access/check fire extension
- g. Utility control
- h. Provide lighting
- i. Establish water towers
- j. Perform salvage
- k. Perform overhaul
- l. Extrication

C. General Guidelines/Expectations

Company officers will determine, based upon conditions, the priority of the functions (listed) for their company unless otherwise ordered by Command.

This does not limit a company to do only its listed functions. Every company will be expected to perform all basic functions within the limits of their capability and it will be the ongoing responsibility of Command to integrate tasks and functions as required with the on-scene units.

In the absence (or delay) of a truck company response, Command should assign truck company functions to an engine company, “i.e., Engine 4, perform roof ventilation.” In such cases, engine companies will perform all truck company functions within their capabilities.

The assignment of these basic operations to engine and truck companies represent a standard fireground plan for tactical operations designed to improve the effectiveness of all units working together. This plan should in no way limit the initiative of any officer and should enhance the decision making process of all officers by establishing a standard operational framework.