

Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association

Standard Operating Procedures

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Predetermined Arrival Assignments

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Purpose:

To assign responsibilities to companies in their order of arrival, decrease confusion, increase operational readiness of each company, and ensure fire ground tactics are being set in motion that support the overall incident strategy.

Scope:

This procedure applies to all emergency response companies operating at structural fire incidents within Lancaster County.

Responsibility:

1. If incident command is established by an authorized duty officer, it will be the responsibility of the incident commander to ensure companies understand, acknowledge, and fulfill their arrival roles as outlined in this S.O.G.
2. It is the responsibility of the company officers to listen to the radio, determine what order they are arriving, and communicate that with the incident commander and other responding companies.
3. It is the responsibility of the incident commander or company officer to announce deviations from this S.O.G. if alternative water supply plans must be implemented.
4. All personnel have the responsibility to learn and follow this S.O.G.

Definitions:

1. A variety of terminology is used when announcing a water supply plan, but the simplest terms that are easily understood will always be the most practical.
2. An example of announcing a water supply plan is the following: "County from Engine 1, we're dropping our supply line from the hydrant in front of 123 Main Street. Have the 2nd Arriving Engine Company complete it at that location."

3. Completing a water supply plan means that the 2nd and 4th due engine companies are hooking into and pumping the supply line as a redundancy in the event of a pump failure of the 1st or 3rd due engine companies. Additionally, this allows the 2nd and 4th due engine companies to boost pressure in the supply hose if long supply lines are laid.
4. Companies should use the terminology of split and reverse lays if anything other than a forward lay is being used in the initial water supply plan.

Guideline:

1st Arriving Engine Company

- Make provisions for primary water supply and announce the water supply plan for the second arriving company.
- Give an initial on-scene report and announce attack mode (if not already done).
- Position near the primary operational side of the structure ensuring to allow room for a truck company.
- OIC complete 360-degree size up and give a 360 report (if not already done).
- Crew advances primary attack line to fire floor (if in offensive mode).
- Driver/operator should make the connection to the FDC and supply the sprinkler/standpipe (if applicable).

2nd Arriving Engine Company

- Ensure a continuous positive water source is established to the first arriving engine company.
- Ensure at least one lane of travel stays unobstructed for additional arriving units.
- Ensure the first line has been stretched, is in the correct location, and is in operation.
- Advance a secondary attack line to the next area of exposure priority.

3rd Arriving Engine Company

- Make provisions for secondary water supply and announce the water supply plan for the fourth arriving engine.
- Position to the opposite side of the building from the first arriving engine (if applicable) ensuring to allow room for a truck company.

- Crew to advance an attack line and RIT equipment to the primary operational area of the fire building and establish primary RIT until relieved by a later arriving unit.
- Ensure to carry out all the primary RIT tasks (ensuring egress points, bar removed, etc.).
- Once relieved as RIT, crew reports to manpower staging.

4th Arriving Engine Company

- Ensure a continuous positive water source is established to the third arriving engine.
- Ensure at least one lane of travel stays unobstructed for additional arriving units.
- Crew to advance an attack line from the third arriving engine to the next area of exposure priority from an alternative entrance point from the first two attack lines.

1st Arriving Special Service (Truck or Rescue)

- Primary exterior area of responsibility will be side Alpha and Bravo.
- Inside team responsible for forcible entry, search closest to the fire area, coordinated ventilation for the engine companies, overhaul.
- Outside team to throw ground ladders to sides Alpha and Bravo, performs another 360 looking for victims at windows, VES if needed, coordinated horizontal or vertical ventilation, PPV or NPV as required.

2nd Arriving Special Service (Truck or Rescue)

- Primary exterior area of responsibility will be side Charlie and Delta.
- Inside team responsible for forcible entry, search the floor above, then the floor below, the fire area, coordinated ventilation for the engine companies, overhaul.
- Outside team to throw ladders to sides Charlie and Delta, performs another 360 looking for victims at windows, VES if needed, coordinated horizontal or vertical ventilation, PPV or NPV as required.

3rd Arriving Special Service (Truck or Rescue)

- Complete an assigned task, as needed. If no assignment is given, begin a manpower staging pool.

Arriving Tankers

- Establish rural water supply to scene (if not needed to function as an engine company).
- If not needed in establishment of primary and secondary water source, join in tanker shuttle operation.
- If available interior qualified personnel are on board, have them report to manpower staging.

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- Position in area that does not block fire apparatus but allows for rapid egress from scene.
- Crew report to fire building with all needed equipment for treatment/rehab.

Additional Arriving Apparatus

- Apparatus should park out of the way to not impede operations.
- Available manpower with ID tags & equipment should report to manpower staging.
- Check in with Accountability.
- Additional Chief Officers who are not needed to fulfill incident management roles to remain with crew – report to OIC for assignment.
- No company should self-deploy/freelance.

Lancaster County, PA Predetermined Arrival Guideline

NO incoming orders should be requested. Command will advise units of any deviation from the response plan.

1st Arriving Engine	2nd Arriving Engine	3rd Arriving Engine	4th Arriving Engine
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make provisions for primary water supply and announce the water supply plan for the second arriving engine.• Give an initial on-scene report and announce mode of attack (if not already done).• Position near the primary operational side of the structure ensuring to allow room for a truck company.• OIC complete 360 degree size up and give a 360 report (if not already done).• Crew advances primary attack line to fire floor (if in offensive mode).• Engine driver should make the connection to the FDC and supply the sprinkler/standpipe (if applicable).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure a continuous positive water source is established to the first arriving engine.• Ensure at least one lane of travel stays unobstructed for additional arriving units.• Ensure the first line has been stretched, is in the correct location, and is in operation.• Advance a secondary attack line to the next area of exposure priority.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make provisions for secondary water supply and announce the water supply plan for the fourth arriving engine.• Position to the opposite side of the building from the first arriving engine (if applicable) ensuring to allow room for a truck company.• Crew to advance an attack line and RIT equipment to the entry point closest to the primary operational area of the fire building and establish the primary RIT until relieved by a later arriving unit.• Ensure to carry out all the primary RIT tasks (ensuring egress points, bars removed, etc).• Once relieved as RIT, crew reports to manpower staging.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure a continuous positive water source is established to the third arriving engine.• Ensure at least one lane of travel stays unobstructed for additional arriving units.• Crew to advance an attack line from the third arriving engine to the next area of exposure priority from an alternate entrance point from the first two attack lines.

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