

SECTION II: FIREGROUND OPERATIONS AND FIRE RELATED DUTIES

2.5 FIRE FIGHTER RIDING POSITION ASSIGNMENTS

The purpose of assigned riding positions is for safe, coordinated and successful fireground operations. The objectives of this SOP establish a pre-determined job assignment for fire fighters arriving at the scene, which will enhance our ability to manage emergency incidents through a coordinated effort. This procedure is based on the availability of fire fighters riding the apparatus and is dependent on a minimum crew size of three (3) qualified fire fighters. The officer in charge of the respective apparatus shall be responsible and accountable for implementing this SOP. The apparatus officer may alter the riding assignment as describe and reassign to another riding position as necessary. Firefighters who choose to don SCBA en route to an incident must do so while seat belted. This SOP amends and replaces section 2.5 of the Washington Township Fire District SOPs amended October 3, 1996 and June 5, 2003.

2.5.1 Engine Company Riding Assignments:

1. Truck Engineer

Safely respond and position the apparatus on the fireground. When confirmed working fire, engineer shall lay supply hose to the scene and establish a water supply. If the hydrant seat is not filled, the Engineer is responsible for wrapping the hydrant. The engineer is responsible for supplying all handlines or master streams with water, delivered at the proper flows. When supplying a standpipe, the engineer will charge the standpipe connection at 125 psi plus 10 psi per floor. When supplying a sprinkler system, the engineer will charge the sprinkler connection at 150 psi. The lines will be supplied with tank water until a water supply can be established. In instances where manpower is short, the engineer may be utilized as part of an initial Rapid Intervention Crew. Upon arrival, the engineer shall complete donning of PPE and when unsafe breathing situations arise, shall don SCBA.

Equipment - Radio

2. Position O - Officer

Assign positions when running with a crew less than six. Ensure personnel accountability. Shall determine the initial placement of the apparatus. Once on location the officer will supervise the operation of the initial attack crew and direct their operations in accordance with the commanding officer. If a superior officer is not on location, he/she shall assume an outside command position until properly relieved.

Equipment — SCBA, Hand Tool, Handlight, Portable (Chan. 5)

3. Position A - Nozzle

Structure and Vehicle Fires, Rescue Assignments:

Deploy appropriate handline or extinguisher. If attack line deployed, shall advance the initial attack line as directed by the commanding officer with a line no smaller than 1^{3/4}".

Equipment - SCBA and Attack Line (rear 1^{3/4}" unless officer specifies other).

Investigations:

Deploy extinguisher or CO monitor. Shall investigate to determine nature of call.

Equipment — SCBA and extinguisher or CO monitor.

4. Position B - Irons

Structure and Vehicle Fires, Rescue Assignments:

Shall assist position **A** with advancement of the initial attack line and with reaching the fire floor. Responsible for the advancement of a high-rise pack if needed. Assist in ventilation, forcible entry and search and rescue.

Investigation:

Shall assist position **A** with the investigation.

Equipment — SCBA, flat head axe, halligan, handlight, portable (Chan. 5).

5. Position C - Utility

Structure and Vehicle Fires

Will assist Seat A, Seat B, Seat D as required. If no assistance needed, proceed to the manpower pool.

Investigations:

Will standby with engine and deploy attack line or equipment if needed.

Equipment — SCBA, Hand Tool

Rescue:

Will assist seat D in the stabilization of vehicle(s). If position is filled by an EMT or First Responder, may assist in Medical treatment if required

Equipment — Denver Tool, Cribbing

6. Position D - Hydrant

Structure and Vehicle Fires:

Responsible for the supply line layout. Hydrant bag should be removed along with the 4" supply line. The hydrant connection should be made with the 4" supply line and the hydrant. Once connection is made proceed to the fire ground, don SCBA and assist the truck engineer or report to the manpower pool.

Equipment — Hydrant bag, Return to engine for SCBA

Investigations:

Will standby with engine and assist in the deployment of attack line or equipment if needed.

Equipment — SCBA, Hand Tool

Rescue Assignments:

Will assist in the stabilization of vehicle(s). If position is filled by an EMT or First Responder, may assist in Medical treatment if required

Equipment — Cribbing, Bolt Cutters, Medical Bag

Short Crews:

3 Firefighter Crew:

Truck Engineer, Officer Seat, Seat A will be filled.

4 Firefighter Crew:

Truck Engineer, Officer Seat, Seat A, Seat B will be filled.

5 Firefighter Crew:

Truck Engineer, Officer Seat, Seat A, Seat B, Seat D will be filled.

2.5.2 Ladder Company Riding Assignments:

1. **Truck Engineer**

Safely respond apparatus to the scene of the emergency. Position the apparatus, with assistance and direction from the apparatus officer or the Incident Commander, such that the turntable of the aerial device is best positioned for aerial operations. Consideration must be given for outrigger placement and for avoidance of overhead obstructions. Due consideration must also be given so that the apparatus does not have to be repositioned multiple times. Secondary responsibility: Should the ladder company arrive significantly before the first due engine company, perform all functions of the engine company operator until directed otherwise. The ladder company truck engineer may also assist with raising ground ladders and assist with outside vent if R-1038 is functioning as the ladder company, or if L- 1026 or L-1016, the aerial device will not be placed in service.

2. **Position O — Officer**

Assign positions when running with a crew less than six. Ensure personnel accountability. Shall determine and direct placement of apparatus or as directed by command. Once on location the officer will supervise the operation of truck company functions listed within this section. If a superior officer is not on location, he/she may assume an outside command position until further relieved. The officer is responsible to organize and supervise ventilation and search teams and assist with search and rescue.

Tools: Hand tool, portable radio

3. **Position A — Search**

Shall conduct search upon arrival

Tools: Water can & 6' Hook, Thermal Imaging Camera

4. **Position B — Outside Vent 1**

Shall raise ground ladders as necessary. Shall ventilate horizontally and/or vertically as appropriate. Shall conduct VES (if OV2 is staffed).

Tools: Pike pole/Halligan, portable radio

5. **Position C — Roof Vent**

Shall ventilate horizontally and/or vertically as appropriate. Shall raise ground ladders.

Tools: Hooks and appropriate saw(s)

6. Position D — Outside Vent 2

Assist driver in setting up apparatus. Shall raise ground ladders. Assist with horizontal and/or vertical ventilation. Assist OV 1 with VES.

Tools: Appropriate hand tools

Ladder 1016 and Rescue 1038 only

7. Position E and F — Utility positions

Perform duties at Officers direction.