

## SECTION VI— INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (IMS)

### **6.9 STAGING**

6.9.1 All apparatus responding to an emergency incident shall proceed directly to the scene as follows:

#### *Structure & Fire Responses*

- First due engine to the tactical front considering best operating position for fire attack without compromising fire fighter safety and positioning for the first due ladder company.
- Second due engine to take a position at the nearest water source or in a position to best provide a water supply.
- First due ladder company to take a position for best operating advantage.
- All other apparatus shall utilize Level 1 staging, or shall utilize Level 2 staging if so designated by the IC.

#### *Rescue Responses*

- First due rescue and / or rescue engine to the scene to facilitate rescue operations with tools.
  - Second due engine to Level 1 staging and send manpower forward. The IC may order the second due to proceed into the scene to provide fire protection when necessary.
  - All other apparatus shall utilize Level 1 staging, or shall utilize Level 2 staging if so designated by the IC.
- 6.9.2 Level I staging is approximately one (1) block from the incident scene in the direction of travel for the apparatus. Level 2 staging may be some distance from the scene and is capable of serving as an assembly area for apparatus and is clearly off of any major roadways.
- 6.9.3 All apparatus assigned to staging shall maintain crew integrity except as described above or as designated by the IC.
- 6.9.4 The first arriving line officer shall become the staging officer, unless otherwise designated by the IC.
- 6.9.5 All apparatus arriving at Level I or Level 2 staging will report "... on location Level 1 or Level 2 staging".