

15. Riding Assignments

15.1 Assignments

15.1.1 The following assignments have been developed to alleviate duplication of tasks on the fire scene. These assignments are only guides and can be changed on an incident to incident basis upon the discretion of the responding apparatus officer or the IC. With each riding assignment is a list of required equipment that each firefighter must possess.

15.1.2 Riding assignments for each apparatus have been broken down into two categories. For each riding position on the apparatus is an Apparatus Assignment Tag. These tags will compliment the firefighters blue accountability tag when responding to incidents. The two categories are Routine Emergencies and Structure Fires. Depending on the incident will depend upon the assignment task and equipment that each Officer or firefighter will take with them while approaching the incident. The Rescue has been assigned as FAST and those riding assignment tags are labeled as such.

15.1.3 Routine Emergencies are defined as incidents that do not require the deployment of hoselines. Ex. Fire alarms, smell of smoke, etc..

15.1.4 Structure Fires are defined as incidents where actual firefighting is taking place to extinguish fires.

15.1.5 Every firefighter will have an SCBA and a flashlight. Portable radios are also suggested for each firefighter, but mandatory for each team.

15.2 Routine Emergency

15.2.1 DRIVER - operate apparatus to and on scene. Maintain radio operations on mobile unit, while on scene ONLY. Driver will be responsible for inventory of all equipment.

15.2.2 OFFICER - This riding assignment will be filled by an elected Line Officer or experienced firefighter which is confident in making decisions and leading his/her crew of firefighters. The task that this firefighter will be primary accountability of their crew, investigation and dependent upon the situation and can vary from incident to incident. Equipment used will be: Mobile radio while enroute to the scene, portable radio, O-Tool, Thermal Imaging Camera and Knox Box Keys once arrival on scene.

15.2.3 CAN MAN - This firefighter is responsible for working with the officer, perform interior investigation and control any fire until the hose line arrives.

Equipment used will be: Water can, 4foot hook and Search and Guide Bag.

15.2.4 IRONS MAN - This firefighter is responsible for working with the officer, perform interior investigation and complete forcible entry when needed.

Equipment used will be: 30inch halligan, Flat head axe, Hydra Ram and K-tool when applicable.

15.2.5 OV MAN (Outside Vent Man) - This firefighter is responsible for responding to the rear of the structure to report any hazards or entrapment, horizontal ventilation if needed, force entry to rear as needed and to work with the roof man, assist laddering and ventilation if needed.

Equipment used will be: 6foot hook and halligan bar.

15.2.6 ROOF MAN - This firefighters is responsible for working with the OV Man, locating access to the roof and when necessary, ladder the roof and conduct investigation.

Equipment used will be: 6foot hook, halligan bar and 50foot rope bag.

15.2.7 Extra Seat - will standby with the driver and assist where needed.

15.3 Structure Fire

15.3.1 DRIVER - operate apparatus to and on scene. Maintain radio operations on mobile unit, while on scene ONLY. Driver will be responsible for inventory of all equipment.

15.3.2 OFFICER - This riding assignment will be filled by an elected Line Officer or experienced firefighter which is confident in making decisions and leading his/her crew of firefighters. The task that this firefighter will be direct crew (establish Command if no other officer is on scene), primary accountability of their crew and enter the structure with the hand line.

Equipment used will be: Mobile radio while enroute to the scene, portable radio, O-Tool, Thermal Imaging Camera and Knox Box Keys once arrival on scene.

15.3.3 NOZZLEMAN - This firefighter is responsible for the initial hose stretch, and begin fire suppression, together.

Equipment used will be: hose line.

15.3.4 BACK UP NOZZLEMAN - This firefighter is responsible to assist in stretching the handline, back up the nozzle man and conduct ventilation as the fire attack progresses.

Equipment used will be: hose line and halligan bar.

15.3.5 HYDRANTMAN/OV MAN - This firefighter is first responsible for establishing the water supply, he/she will be dropped off at the hydrant. They will then be responsible for hooking up and charging the line.

After this task is completed, he/she will return to the engine and don SCBA. This firefighter will now be the OV MAN.

Equipment used will be: Hydrassist valve and hydrant bag.

15.3.6 BREAKMAN/ROOF MAN - This firefighter is first responsible for breaking the stretched supply line from the apparatus and hooking it to the intake valve. After this task is completed, he/she will return to the engine and don SCBA. This firefighter will now be the ROOF MAN.

Equipment used will be: Pony lines when necessary

15.3.7 Extra Seat - will standby with the driver and assist where needed.

15.4 Truck Co. Assignments for Structure Fires

15.4.1 DRIVER - Operate apparatus to and on scene. Maintain radio operations on mobile unit, while on scene ONLY. Driver will be responsible for inventory of all equipment.

Once on scene, it will be up to the discretion of the IC as to the driver operating the turntable and tower or operating the pump for water supply.

15.4.2 OFFICER - This riding assignment will be filled by an elected Line Officer or experienced firefighter which is confident in making decisions and leading his/her crew of firefighters. The task that this firefighter will be direct crew (establish Command if no other officer is on scene), primary accountability of their crew and enter the structure with the hand line.

Equipment used will be: Mobile radio while enroute to the scene, portable radio, O-Tool and Knox Box Keys once arrival on scene.

15.4.3 BUCKET - This firefighter is responsible for ventilation however necessary or instructed to do so and to provide master streams from bucket.

Equipment used will be: Rotating saw with appropriate blade.

15.4.4 BUCKET - This firefighter works closely with the other bucket firefighter assisting with ventilation or master stream operation.

Equipment used will be: 6foot hook and halligan bar.

15.4.5 HYDRANTMAN/GROUND LADDERS - This firefighter is first responsible for establishing the water supply, he/she will be dropped off at the hydrant. They will then be responsible for hooking up and charging the line. After this task is completed the firefighter will return to the Truck to place ground ladders to all stories, and all sites of the structure and provide rescue and ventilation as needed. Equipment used will be: Hydrassist valve, hydrant bag and ground ladders.

15.4.6 BREAKMAN/GROUND LADDERS - This firefighter is first responsible for breaking the stretched supply line from the apparatus and hooking it to the intake valve. After this task is completed the firefighter will return to the Truck to place ground ladders to all stories, and all sites of the structure and provide rescue and ventilation as needed. Equipment used will be: Pony lines when necessary and ground ladders.

15.5 FAST ASSIGNMENTS

15.5.1 DRIVER - Operate apparatus to and on scene. Maintain radio operations on mobile unit, while on scene ONLY. Driver will be responsible for inventory of all equipment. Driver will also be responsible for interior and exterior lighting and electrical supply.

15.5.2 OFFICER - This riding assignment will be filled by an elected Line Officer or experienced firefighter which is confident in making decisions and leading his/her crew of firefighters. The task that this firefighter will be direct crew (establish Command if no other officer is on scene), primary accountability of their crew and immediately report to the scene to begin the scene size-up and maintain a presence with the working Company. Equipment used will be: Mobile radio while enroute to the scene, portable radio, O-Tool and Thermal Imaging Camera.

15.5.3 FIREFIGHTER #1 - This firefighter is responsible for working with the OFFICER. He/She will report directly to the scene and begin the scene size-up. Equipment used will be: Irons.

15.5.4 FIREFIGHTER #2 - This firefighter is responsible for filling the stokes basket with extra equipment and reporting to the scene. Equipment used will be: Irons, K-tool and Hydra Ram.

15.5.5 FIREFIGHTER #3 - This firefighter is responsible for filling the stokes basket with extra equipment and reporting to the scene. Equipment used will be: 6foot hook, halligan bar and Life Saving Rope.

15.5.6 FIREFIGHTER #4 - This firefighter is responsible for filling

the stokes basket with extra equipment and reporting to the scene. Equipment used will be: Saw and Search and Guide bag.

15.5.7 FIREFIGHTER #5 - This firefighter is responsible for filling the stokes basket with extra equipment and reporting to the scene. Equipment used will be: Saw and FAST Air Pack.

15.5.8 FIREFIGHTER #6 - This firefighter is responsible for throwing ground ladders and bringing any other additional equipment. Equipment used will be: Ground ladders and needed additional equipment.

15.5.9 FIREFIGHTER #7 - This firefighter is responsible for throwing ground ladders and bringing any other additional equipment. Equipment used will be: Ground ladders and needed additional equipment.

15.5.10 FIREFIGHTER #8 - This firefighter is responsible for reporting to staging and providing any other additional equipment. Equipment used will be: Maul, extra ropes and 54inch halligan bar.

Engine Routine Emergency

DRIVER			OFFICER
CAN MAN			IRONS MAN
Extra Seat	ROOF MAN	OV MAN	

Truck Routine Emergency

DRIVER			OFFICER
CAN MAN	ROOF MAN	OV MAN	IRONS MAN

Engine Structure Fire

DRIVER			OFFICER
BACK UP NOZZLEMAN			NOZZLEMAN
Extra Seat	BREAKMAN/ ROOF MAN	HYDRANTMA N/OV MAN	

Truck Structure Fire

DRIVER			OFFICER
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BUCKET	BREAKMAN/ GROUND LADDERS	HYDRANTMAN/ GROUND LADDERS	BUCKET
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