



Roosevelt Fire District

Standard Operating Guidelines

<u>Section:</u> Operations	<u>Guideline 3:</u> Fire Ground Safety
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Purpose: To ensure all firefighting operations are conducted with the maximum emphasis on safety and protection.

Scope: This guideline is intended for all firefighters and officers of the department while conducting firefighting operations or training operations.

Procedure:

- A. All firefighters will be familiar with any department pre plans.
- B. No firefighters will operate any equipment they have not been previously trained to use.
- C. Full PPE will be worn during any incident unless deemed otherwise by the Incident Commander.
- D. No members shall attempt any firefighting evolution or procedure unless they have trained for those specific operations.
- E. All members shall be aware of the potential dangers of firefighting. These may include, but are not limited to, flash over, back draft, BLEVE, structural collapses, explosions and any other IDLH situations not already covered.
- F. All firefighters will be familiar with the equipment necessary for safe firefighting operations
- G. Any roof operations will be conducted with at least (2) firefighters, who are trained to perform such work.
- H. All SCBA users shall report to the rescue squad upon the completion of their air supply bottles for medical evaluation before continuing fire ground operations.
- I. To ensure the maximum level of safety to all members, a fire ground Safety Officer shall be assigned during incidents where it is deemed necessary.
- J. At the beginning of the incident the Incident Commander will evaluate the need for a FAST team. If one is necessary, one will be assembled per SOG #14.

The duties of the fire ground Safety Officer will be as follows:

- A. To check that all firefighters adhere to the full personal protection guideline.
- B. To observe and report any conditions that may lead to structural collapse, flash over, back draft explosions, or any other conditions that would endanger firefighters or seriously affect firefighting operations.
- C. Observe all ground ladder operations to assure procedures are being followed.
- D. To observe that all power and hand tools are being used correctly.
- E. To observe all hand lines are advanced properly and manned with an adequate number of firefighters
- F. Take any measures to ensure that all safety precautions are taken during any incident.
- G. Has the authority to designate any firefighter to assist in implementing this procedure.
- H. Shall ensure that the Roosevelt Fire District Accountability system is in operation
- I. If, at any time, the condition of a structure is deemed unsafe and evacuation of firefighters is required, 3 long steady blasts on engine air horns will be sounded. At this signal, all firefighters are to exit the building without delay.

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