

STRUCTURE FIRE RESPONSES

Dauphin Island Fire and Rescue

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to be a tool for first responders in establishing priorities at a structure fires or alarms. This is only a guideline and should allow flexibility in the decision making needed for the tasks at hand.

SCOPE

All

PROCEDURE

Upon the receipt of an alert for a structure fire a response package of two engines, 1 service truck and an EMS unit will respond. Additional resources shall be request by the OIC as needed. Apparatus will contact dispatch on "FIREALARM" to go enroute, on scene and in service. Fireground communications will be done on "DIFR1" unless directed otherwise.

- Incident command will be set up by the first arriving trained responder until transferred to the OIC.
- The first in engine will make a size up of the signs of fire, fuel load, access etc. Over the "FIREALARM" group the OIC will announce their arrival, conditions observed, actions to be taken and the name of the command (Bienville Command).
 - A supply line will be laid for any structure fire.
 - At least one 1 ¾" line will be laid to protect exposures and for an interior attack if the conditions allow and the properly trained responders are present.
 - Responders involved directing in firefighting will wear full PPE and SCBA until the OIC states otherwise.
 - Responder safety is the highest priority.
 - All efforts to rescue occupants should be attempted once there is confirmation that some are inside and if fire conditions allow.
- The second in engine will stage at a water source and advise the IC where they are.
 - The engine may lay a supply line.

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- Relocation may be required to fight the fire from a better location.
- Establish a RIT.
- Primary and secondary searches.
- The OIC may instruct the responders to secure the utilities.
- Manpower will be used to support all sorts of fireground activities as directed by the OIC.
- The Service Truck will position itself close enough to the scene so it can deploy its equipment giving the IC their location.
 - Personnel will assist when fireground priorities have not been completed.
 - Provide for different forms of ventilation, forcible entry, lighting, salvage and overhaul.

After the fire is under control the OIC will look for causation before overhaul begins. Refer to OG 2000.20 for fire investigation. The Fire Chief will be notified.

The OIC shall direct personnel to place apparatuses back in service after filling the tanks, reloading hose, cleaning equipment and having fuel level at least at the ½ mark.

OIC may set up a fire watch to check for signs of rekindling.

OIC is responsible for any documentation required.

REFERENCES

- STRUCTURE FIRE TACTICAL CHECK LIST