

Hiawatha Fire & Rescue

Policy 613
Emergency Operations
Initial Fireground Tasks Engine

Scope

This policy applies to the first engine company responding to a reported structure fire. It was created to establish a guideline for the implementation of the Engine Company Operations practiced by Hiawatha Fire & Rescue.

I. General

- A. All engine companies responding first out to a reported structure fire shall attempt to respond with five personnel.
- B. Each member responding shall be assigned an initial fireground task based upon the seat that they are occupying on the engine.
- C. All members shall provide the officer with their Personal Accountability Tags as required by HFD Occupational Health and Safety Policy 406, *Incident Accountability*.

II. Engine Company Positions

- A. Officer
- B. Driver
- C. Nozzleman
- D. Back-up
- E. Water/Doorman

III. Initial Tasks and Tools Assigned (Working fire mode)

- A. Officer
 1. Tasks
 - a. Supervise and assist all crew members
 - b. Through size-up
 - c. Attack the fire with the interior crew
 2. Tools
 - a. Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC)
 - b. Small Prying Tool
 - c. SCBA
 - d. Radio
 - e. Large Hand Lantern
- B. Driver
 1. Tasks
 - a. Safely deliver the apparatus and crew to the scene
 - b. Operate the pump
 - c. Scene lighting
 - d. Size-up
 2. Tools
 - a. Pump operators compartment
- C. Nozzleman
 1. Tasks
 - a. Correctly pull the preconnect or attack line assigned by the officer
 - b. Allow at least 50 feet of hose immediately outside the entry way for easy initial deployment into the fire area
 - c. Size-up
 2. Tools
 - a. SCBA
 - b. Radio
 - c. Nozzle with hose or water extinguisher
- D. Back-up
 1. Tasks
 - a. Force entry
 - b. Remove any sharp bends in the hose (Kinks)
 - c. Assist nozzleman with the hose
 - d. Size-up
 2. Tools
 - a. SCBA

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- b. Halligan and flathead axe (IRONS)

E. Water/Doorman

1. Tasks

a. Water supply

1. Hydrant

- a. Pull a large diameter hoseline (LDH)
- b. Attach LDH to the hydrant
- c. Charge LDH when given the signal (3 blasts on the apparatus airhorn)

2. Drafting

- a. Attach the hard suction hose to the intake as ordered by the driver
- b. Assist the tanker crew with the portable water tank

b. Assist the driver/operator

c. Gather appropriate tools and report to the entry point

d. Assist with deployment of the attack hose into the entry point

Do not enter the structure until ordered to by the officer

e. Size-up

2. Tools

a. SCBA (driver's side compartment)

b. Large hand lantern

c. Pulling tool (preferably the Hawks Head)

d. Radio

IV. Investigation Mode

A. When the engine company arrives on scene and there are no immediate signs of combustion, the crew shall proceed in investigation mode

B. Most tools and initial tasks shall remain assigned as with the working fire mode

1. Task changes between the working fire mode and the investigation mode

a. No hydrant line shall be laid

b. No attack line shall be initially deployed

c. The water/doorman reports to the entry point with the assigned tools and awaits orders from the officer

2. Tool changes

a. Nozzleman

- 1. Take the water extinguisher rather than the attack line