

## **CHAPTER II OPERATIONS**

### **SUBJECT 2 COMMAND**

#### **TOPIC 6 FIRE ZONES/PERIMETER**

##### **A. PURPOSE**

1. Fire Zones and Fire Perimeters are set up to control the incident scene, much as red and yellow zones are used at Hazardous Materials Incidents.

##### **B. OBJECTIVES**

1. To maintain a safe perimeter around an incident scene
2. Keep non-response personnel away from the danger area

##### **C. SAFETY**

1. Areas are established for various functions using this system. These areas are used by the Safety Officer and Incident Commander to exclude all personnel (Exclusion Zone), personnel in inappropriate levels of protective clothing (fire zone), and non-response personnel (Fire Perimeter). Keeping people out of areas is a method used to enhance safety at the incident scene.

##### **D. FIRE PERIMETER**

1. The Fire Perimeter is a wide area around the incident scene maintained by the Cincinnati Police Department.

This is a limited access area for emergency response personnel only. Media and agency representatives are allowed within the Fire Perimeter with the permission of the Incident Commander.

The Cincinnati Police Department has agreed to establish a Staging area for non-emergency response personnel, and EMS units from other agencies near the outer edge of the Fire Perimeter. This area will be referred to as "Police Staging".

E. FIRE ZONE

1. The Fire Zone is the area immediately around the incident where an established level of protective clothing is required.

In a fire situation the Fire Zone could be the area inside the structure and a small area around the building where there is a potential for falling debris in an offensive operation.

During defensive operations a wide area around the building/buildings is established where full protective clothing is required.

2. Whenever necessary the Safety Officer or Incident Commander will have yellow barrier tape stretched around the Fire Zone.

F. EXCLUSION ZONE

1. No one is to enter an Exclusion Zone.
2. Where structural collapse is imminent, an exclusion zone shall be established, keeping all members out of the area.
3. Partially collapsed or destroyed portions of the interior of a fire building can also be established as exclusion zones.
4. Whenever possible, exclusion zones will be marked with red barrier tape.