



PROCEDURES MANUAL

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A. Purpose

To establish a procedure that throughout an incident, officers and Incident Commanders should announce tactical benchmarks to track the completion of important tasks.

B. Structure Fire Benchmarks

1. On Scene

- a. Every Company arriving on the scene shall announce “on scene” on the fire ground channel. This will ensure those operating remotely know other Companies are on scene and ready to operate. (example: “Engine 1 on scene”)

2. 360 Complete and then state the Status of Fire In the Basement

- a. “Engine 1 – 360 Complete- No Fire in the Basement” or
- b. “Engine 1 360 Complete – Smoke or Fire from the Basement”
- c. A 360 means that you have viewed all four (4) sides of the building, not necessarily walked a complete circle around the building.

3. Identify if Building is built with Lightweight / Truss Construction

4. Water on the Fire

- a. Announced by the first engine applying water to the fire (example: “Engine 1 putting water on the fire”)

5. Primary Search – All Clear

- a. Announced for each area where a primary search is completed (fire area, fire floor, floor above, etc). (example: “Ladder 1 – primary search all clear on fire floor”)
- b. Also announced by the Incident Commander on status updates.

6. Fire Under Control

- a. Announced by the Engine Co. officer when the fire is under control
- b. Also announced by the Incident Commander on status updates.

7. **Secondary Search – All Clear**

- a. Announced by companies performing these tasks
- b. Also announced by the Incident Commander on status updates.

8. **Roof Report**

- a. At the request of the Incident Commander
- b. Usually given from the aerial ladder by a Ladder Company “B” Team
- c. To determine the stability of the roof and sides of a building.
- d. To report heavy loads on the roof.
- e. To report visible fire stops seen from the roof.

9. **Fire Out**

Announced by the Incident Commander during status updates

10. **PAR**

Requested each time the fire is under control and as indicated in Accountability Procedures (*Reference Operations Procedure 202.07 Fire Fighter Accountability*).

11. **All Clear – Remove SCBA**

Announced on the fire ground channel by the Incident Commander when it is safe to remove SCBA after air monitoring is completed by the Safety Officer or his designee.