
CHAPTER	II	Operations
SUBJECT	1	Squad Company Response Procedures
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Purpose

To give guidelines for responses to various emergencies by Squad 9 and Squad 14.

Dispatch:**A. Closest Squad Company Response:**

- 1 All one alarm fire dispatches including high-rise.
- 2 Elevator Emergencies
- 3 Vehicle and Machinery Entrapments
- 4 Airport Emergencies
- 5 WMD/CBRNE/White Powder Runs
- 6 Vehicle into a building
- 7 River Emergencies (Including boat fires on the river)

B. Two Squad Company Response (Due to restrictions in the CAD system the initial Squad Company Officer or the Incident Commander shall request the second Squad Company to be dispatched immediately on the designated incidents.)

1. Second Alarm transmission
2. WMD/CBRNE large scale emergencies (Must be requested)
3. Confirmation of a working fire in a high rise structure or large commercial structure. (Must be requested)
4. Technical Rescue Incidents:
 1. Building Collapse
 2. Trench Rescue (Must be requested)
 3. Confined Space Rescue (Must be requested)
 4. High Angle/Line Rescue (Must be requested)
 5. Water Rescue (Including drowning in the river)
5. Hazardous Materials
6. Request of Incident Commander
7. Firefighter Mayday
8. Bio Hazard Alarm at Main Post Office

Daily Staffing:

The daily staffing of the Squad Companies will be managed by the Operations District Chiefs.

A. A minimum of four (4) ['officially' qualified as defined by Fire Administration] fully trained personnel will be assigned to each company every tour. Members do not have to be regularly assigned to the Squad Company to be considered qualified for detail purposes. During the initial start-up phase of the Squads, a minimum of two (2) trained ['officially' qualified] members will be assigned to each Squad Company every tour until sufficient number of detail members within Operations can be trained.

B. Qualification Requirements for Detail Personnel: 40-hour Hazardous Materials Technician and Basic Emergency Rescue Technician or CFD equivalent.

On-Scene Priorities:**A. One-Alarm Fire:**

1. Report to Incident Commander for Assignment
2. If a stationary Command has not been established perform search and rescue of areas not currently searched by other companies. Update location and progress of search to avoid duplication of search efforts. Search efforts shall be focused above the fire.
3. Assist with deployment of fire attack lines.
4. Work with the Incident Commander to determine structural stability for overhaul activities.
5. Shall not be assigned as the incident Rapid Assistance Team
6. Assist with overhaul operations as directed by the Incident Commander
7. Assist with placing other companies back in service.

B. Two-Alarm or Greater Fire:

1. Report to Incident Commander for assignment.
2. Second Squad Company should be utilized as a RAT Assist Team on the exterior of the building if possible.
3. The Second Squad Company shall position the apparatus in a manner to facilitate a rapid exit from the scene should another response become necessary. All equipment should be procured from the first arriving Squad Company leaving the second Squad intact for future response.

C. High Rise Fire:**First Arriving Squad:**

1. Report to Command
2. Verify fire floor and report findings to Command
3. Ascend evacuation stairwell
4. Assure tenability of evacuation stairwell
5. Perform primary search on floor above the fire and report findings to command
6. Search for fire extension above the fire
 - A. Trash Chutes
 - B. Curtain Walls
 - C. Elevators
 - D. Utility Shaft
7. Report Conditions, Actions and Needs to Incident Commander

Second Arriving Squad:

1. Report to Command
2. Ascend to top floor of structure – Clear Roof
3. Search and clear the evacuation and fire attack stairwell from the top floor down to the exit.
4. Check for smoke stratification on floors between the roof and the fire floor. Report findings to Command.
5. Any ventilation will be coordinated with Command.

D. Vehicle/Machinery Entrapments:

1. Squad Company officer shall command the extrication until the arrival of a Chief Officer. Upon the arrival of a Chief Officer the Squad Company Officer shall command the rescue and the Chief Officer will be in overall command.
2. Ensure scene safety
 - a. Charged hose line with foam capability
 - b. Proper PPE
 - c. Traffic controlled
 - d. Batteries disconnected
 - e. Vehicle stabilized in three axis
 - f. Utilities secured (Overhead wires/gas lines)
 - g. Spills contained
3. Size up the extrication efforts of companies working on scene.
 - a. If current efforts are adequate the Squad will perform a support and instructional role.
 - b. If conditions dictate additional equipment and/or methods the Squad Company Officer will confer with companies already working relaying the revised extrication plan and ensuring all understand the revised plan.
 - c. The Squad Company Officer has the final authority in matters regarding extrication techniques.

E. Hazardous Materials Response:

1. Both Squad Companies will respond with the Task Force from Station 17.
2. One of the Squad Company Officers will be assigned as the Hazmat Operations Officer under the Incident Commander.
3. Red, Yellow and Green zones shall be established.
4. A Science Officer shall be appointed to research the chemical.
5. An Entry Team shall be established.
6. A back-up entry team shall be established.
7. A formal Decon line shall be in place prior to teams entering the Red Zone.

F. Technical Rescue:

1. The on-scene Squad Company officer shall be responsible for the decisions regarding specialized rescue size-ups, techniques and methods. Overall command of the incident shall remain with the Incident Commander. If the Squad Company officer determines the incident will require more trained personnel or equipment than both Squad companies can provide a request for regional or State assets shall be made through the Incident Commander.
2. A Rescue Command officer shall be assigned as early as possible to work directly under the Incident Commander.
3. The Squad company Officer shall function as the Rescue Team Manager (RTM)
4. A complete plan of action shall be created with all members briefed on the plan prior to going to work.