

Appendix C

Structure Fires

- Priorities
- The “why” of what we do
- Modes of Operation
- Reports
- Assignment changes
- Task force approach

Priorities

- Assumptions
 - Reasonable likelihood occupants are in the building
 - Adding oxygen to the fire before the water is applied is not advisable
 - Obvious rescues are the #1 priority
- Fast water – fire goes out things are better
- Life safety, Incident Stabilization, & Property conservation

The “why” of what we do

- Fires reach higher temperatures quicker because of the fuel
- Construction has gotten lighter and thinner
- Define “ventilation”
- Define “knock down the fire”
- Fight the fire on the same level of the fire

Modes of Operation

- Offensive interior
- Defensive interior
- Offensive exterior
- Defensive exterior

Reports

- Water supply instructions en-route - X2
- Initial on-scene report (ISOR)
 - side of the building, # of stories, type of occupancy, conditions evident, resources needed
- Initial entry report
 - Command mode, standby team, point of entry, and number of personnel
- Side “C” report

Assignment changes that are being considered

- Engines
 - 1st and 2nd to side “A”
 - 3rd and 4th to side “C”
 - 5th RIC
 - Note 4th reports to command
 - 6th fill site

“Task Force” Approach

- First TF to main issue
- 2nd TF to where the issue is going
- 3rd TF protect the first 2 TF
- Need help call for another TF, need a lot of help call for 2nd alarm (2 TFs), and so on
- TF works together to a common goal, not against each other.
- Other uses – Disaster plan, Special Ops, etc