

### 3.5.2.1 Scene Stabilization



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#### 1.0 POLICY REFERENCE

CFR

NFPA

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#### 2.0 PURPOSE

This standard operating procedure/guideline addresses assessment and control of hazards, stabilization of vehicles involved in motor vehicle accidents, crowd/bystander control.

#### 3.0 SCOPE

This SOP/SOG pertains to all personnel in this organization.

#### 4.0 DEFINITIONS

These definitions are pertinent to this SOP/SOG.

#### 5.0 PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

##### 5.1 Assessment and Control of Hazards:

Standard company operations assign basic fireground functions and activities to companies

based upon the capability and characteristics of each type of unit.

Standard company operations assign major fireground functions to the particular company who can best accomplish the operation.

Standard company operations integrate the efforts of engine, ladder, and rescue companies to achieve effective rescue, fire control, and loss control activities.

Standard company operations increase the awareness and confidence of company members in the standard performance of other companies operating on the fireground.

Standard company operations reduce the amount and detail of orders required to get companies into action on the fireground.

The following items represent the standard operations that will normally be performed by engine, ladder, and rescue companies. These basic functions will provide the framework for field operations for these companies:

**Engine Company Functions:**

- Search, rescue, and treatment
- Stretch hoselines
- Operate nozzles
- Pump hoselines
- Loss control

**Ladder Company/Tender Functions:**

- Search, rescue, and treatment
- Ventilate
- Forcible entry
- Raise ladders
- Provide access/check fire extension
- Utility control
- Provide lighting
- Operate ladder pipes (aerials and platforms only)

- Perform overhaul
- Extrication
- Loss control

#### **Rescue Company Functions:**

- Transportation of sick and injured to hospitals.
- Search, rescue, and treatment--Rescue companies should communicate commitment and location to Command and maintain a retrievable status for victim treatment and transportation.
- General fire fighting duties as assigned by Command.

In Level I Staging situations, first arriving engine, ladder, and rescue companies will perform these functions as required and ordered by Command. These companies will advise Command on the type of function they are performing.

Company officers will determine, based upon conditions and the risk management profile, the priority of the functions for their company unless otherwise ordered by Command.

This does not limit a company to only its listed functions. Every company will be expected to perform all basic functions safely within the limits of their capability, and it will be the on-going responsibility of Command to integrate tasks and functions as required with the on-scene units.

In the absence (or delay) of ladder company response, Command should assign ladder functions to an engine company: "Engine 11, perform ladder functions." In such cases, engine companies will perform all ladder functions within the capability of their company.

The assignment of these basic operations represents a standard fireground plan for tactical operations designed to improve the effectiveness and safety of all units working together. This plan should in no way limit the initiative of any officer and should enhance the decision making process of all officers by establishing a standard operational framework.

#### **5.2 Stabilization of Vehicles Involved in Motor Vehicle Accidents:**

#### **5.3 Crowd/Bystander Control:**