

Campbell County Fire Department

Standard Operating Procedure

Communications

Size-up - Structural

600.20

I. PURPOSE:

To establish a standard procedure to follow when sizing up structural responses.

II. SCOPE:

This procedure applies to all CCFD firefighting personnel.

III. PROCEDURE:

1. Size up/Condition Report for Structure Fires:

1.1. General:

1.1.1. The first arriving Officer/Unit shall give a complete size-up/condition report for all structural responses.

1.1.2. The size-up/condition report provides incoming units with a basis of expectancy and pre-planning. Additionally, the initial incident commander, by verbalizing the size-up/condition report, starts the thought process for the plan of attack.

1.2. Information:

1.2.1. Elements:

1.2.1.1. There are 3 types of size-up/condition reports for structure fires”

1.2.1.1.1. Enroute report

1.2.1.1.2. Initial (on-scene) report

1.2.1.1.3. Update report

1.2.2. Initial and updated size-up/condition reports should be given for all structure fires. Enroute reports are only given if fire conditions are observed while responding.

1.3. Enroute Report:

1.3.1. Large columns of smoke seen enroute to a fire should be reported. This should be reported only by the initial responding unit to reduce radio traffic. This can indicate a large amount of fire and causes in-coming personnel to begin thinking of their assignment that much sooner.

Example: “Responding units, Engine 121. We have a large column of smoke visible”.

1.4. Contents:

1.4.1. Size-up/condition report shall include four elements, which are to be given in the following sequence:

1.4.1.1. Building

1.4.1.2. Occupants

1.4.1.3. Action being taken/Actions to be taken

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1.4.1.4. Additional resources needed

1.4.2. Immediately following the size-up/condition report, the incident's IC DESIGNATION is to be given. "Engine 121 will be Main Street Command".

1.4.3. Additional information, such as exposures, corrected location, etc. will usually be given in an update report.

1.5. Descriptions:

1.5.1. Exact accuracy is not important. Relation to tactics is.

1.5.1.1. Building:

- 1.5.1.1.1. Single story – residential
- 1.5.1.1.2. Mobile home
- 1.5.1.1.3. Two story – residential
- 1.5.1.1.4. Single story – commercial
- 1.5.1.1.5. Two story – apartment building

1.5.1.2. Occupants:

- 1.5.1.2.1. Evacuation in progress
- 1.5.1.2.2. Occupants trapped
- 1.5.1.2.3. Unknown

1.5.1.3. Actions:

- 1.5.1.3.1. Investigating
- 1.5.1.3.2. Fire Attack
- 1.5.1.3.3. Rescue

1.5.1.4. Additional Resources:

- 1.5.1.4.1. Water supply
- 1.5.1.4.2. Additional handlines
- 1.5.1.4.3. Additional resources – engines, tankers, etc.
- 1.5.1.4.4. Manpower
- 1.5.1.4.5. Power company, traffic control, etc.

1.6. Initial Report:

1.6.1. Give size-up/condition reports calmly. Don't rush. Format is important, it is easier for listening units to mentally record information when they can anticipate the sequence.

1.6.1.1. Examples:

- 1.6.1.1.1. "Engine 121, on-scene. Two-story residential structure, fire visible on the second floor. Engine 121 will be initiating fire attack, next arriving unit establish a water supply. Engine 121 will be Main Street Command".
- 1.6.1.1.2. "Engine 121, on-scene. Single story residential structure, nothing showing. Engine 121 will be investigating, All

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responding units, stage upon arrival. Engine 121 will be Main Street Command”.

- 1.6.1.1.3. “Engine 31, on-scene. We have a large dumpster fire, Engine 31 can handle”.

1.7. Update Report:

- 1.7.1. The update report is given by radio after the Incident Commander has had a better opportunity to assess the situation. The update report contains these elements:

- 1.7.1.1. Best Access/Apparatus Position
- 1.7.1.2. Assignments for incoming units
- 1.7.1.3. Exposures/Hazards