

Operating Guidelines

Section: Fireground Procedures

Subject: Structural Fire Attack

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Guidelines

Incident command shall determine mode of operations (offensive vs. defensive).
Preservation of potential evidence is the responsibility of all fire department members.

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Offensive Fire Attack: A fire fighter's safety is our first priority. An offensive fire attack shall only be initiated in the likelihood of saving a life, or significant property savings with limited risk to fire fighters.

- a) Full personal protective equipment shall be used while conducting offensive fire attack.
- b) A minimum of one radio shall be utilized by any attack team.
- c) A back up hose line shall always be available outside of the building.
- d) A RIT team shall be established.
- e) During an offensive attack, all other operations (ventilation etc.) shall be coordinated through IC.
- f) Teams should be made up of at least 2 Firefighters

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Defensive Fire Attack:

- a) Collapse zones shall be established and all other operations will continue outside of these zones.
- b) Exposure protection shall be a priority.
- c) The use of master streams and un- manned ground monitors is preferred.