

Operating Guidelines

Section: Fireground Procedures

Subject: Ventilating Structures

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Purpose

To establish a guideline for ventilating structures to assist in rescue and fire suppression operations.

Scope

This guideline shall apply to all Fire Department personnel involved in emergency operations.

Guidelines

909.1

It shall be the responsibility of each Officer to determine the need for ventilation and the responsibility of each Firefighter to safely carry out the procedures in accordance with this guideline.

909.2

Ventilation shall be done as soon as possible according to tactical priorities. Command shall decide the type and location of any ventilation. Appropriate Protective Clothing shall be worn. The crew performing the ventilation shall be given a Fire Department radio, so the operation can be coordinated by command. Openings shall always be from the lee ward side if possible.