

Operating Guidelines

Section: Fireground Procedures

Subject: Overhaul

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Guidelines

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Fire Scene:

- a) Don SCBA.
- b) Locate hidden fires - look, feel, and listen (use the thermal imaging camera and/or heat gun).
- c) Open concealed spaces using appropriate tools.
- d) Extinguish deep-seated fires.
- e) Overhaul operations shall be conducted in such a manner as to not impede fire cause determination, or destroy evidence needed for investigations.
- f) Remove portable articles (if necessary) - wet down. (especially mattresses and overstuffed furniture) that have been involved. Take pictures of article prior to removal if possible, for scene reconstruction.
- g) Ensure complete extinguishment.
- h) Move heavy articles to walls.
- i) Check for structural integrity.
- j) Restore scene.
- k) The number of personnel shall be the least number required to complete the task.

Responsibility

The sector officer who is assigned to overhaul operations shall be responsible for seeing that the operations are carried out safely and thoroughly so that a "rekindle" shall not occur. It is the responsibility of each firefighter and officer to follow this guideline to ensure complete extinguishment of all fires.