



**ARCADIA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE**

**FIRE ATTACK GROUP /  
INTERIOR DIVISION**

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**PURPOSE**

To provide Department Officers guidelines for assigning groups or divisions on structure fire incidents.

To provide a mechanism for the transfer of essential information from companies to the Incident Commander. This is very important for two reasons; first, Fire Fighter accountability, which directly equates to Fire Fighter safety and second, transmitting the Incident Action Plan (IAP) to companies working to control the incident.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

It is the responsibility of the First-In Company Officer, or the Incident Commander, on incidents where crews will be working inside a structure beyond the investigation mode, to establish either Fire Attack Group or an Interior Division.

**FIRE ATTACK GROUP**

During the initial stages of a fire it may be necessary to assign a company as Fire Attack Group. The sole purpose of the Fire Attack Group is to find, attack, and extinguish the fire. The Fire Attack Group Supervisor will be responsible for supervising the crew(s) assigned to the group.

Additional responsibilities inside the fire building such as search & rescue, salvage, overhaul etc., will be assigned by the Incident Commander to additional resources on an as needed basis. Once knockdown has been achieved, the Company Officer assigned as Fire Attack Group Supervisor can be reassigned as Interior Division and be responsible for more tasks within the structure.

**INTERIOR DIVISION**

Company Officers that establish or are assigned as Interior Division could be responsible for any of the following tasks and/or other fireground activities:

- Fire Attack
- Search and Rescue
- Salvage
- Overhaul
- Fire Cause and Origin

### FIRE ATTACK GROUP AND INTERIOR DIVISION REPORTS

Company Officers that assumes or are assigned to either group or division shall be responsible for providing the Incident Commander with Personnel Accountability Reports (PAR) and/or reports that includes Conditions, Actions, and Needs (CAN) at the Incident Commanders request or when necessary, which could include:

- Fire or Smoke conditions
- Progress achieved
- Possible fire extension
- Actions being taken
- The need for additional resources
- Personnel accountability
- Results of search and rescue
- Necessary salvage and overhaul
- Personnel accountability

### PROCEDURE

Fire Attack Group or Interior Division shall be established by the Incident Commander or First-In Company Officer depending on the size and complexity of the fire beyond the investigation mode. This will allow the Company Officer to focus on the single task of finding, attacking and extinguishing the fire or for a multi-functional supervisor to supervise and coordinate all emergency activity within the structure.

Transition from Fire Attack Group to Interior Division can be made by the Company Officer or the Incident Commander as the size and complexity of the fire changes and allows for the Company Officer to effectively manage additional resources and responsibilities.

Interior Divisions should be considered (i.e. Division 1, Division 2) on multi-story structures, if the Incident Commander or First-In Company Officer believes the incident would be more effectively managed depending on the height, size and complexity of the structure.