



**ARCADIA FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE**

TRUCK COMPANY OPERATIONS

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to establish guidelines to assist Truck Company personnel in the control and handling of various Emergencies. Fire department personnel may encounter a variety of situations and incident types, each presenting a different set of hazards and problems. The following guidelines present an approach, which will be applicable in the majority of situations, but do not replace good judgment and experience in dealing with any particular incident.

SCOPE

Truck Company Emergency Operations including fire ground, vehicle extrication and water removal.

PROCEDURE

Upon arrival at any emergency operation, the company commander shall complete a size up and establish objectives and tactical priorities based on:

- A. Life Safety
- B. Environment
- C. Property Conservation

These priorities should be used when developing an action plan for any operation.

FIRE GROUND

- A. Fire ground objectives and tactical decisions should be based on the risk assessment of the situation conducted by the truck company officer.
 - 1. We will risk our lives a great deal, if necessary, to protect savable lives.
 - 2. We will risk our lives some, and in a calculated manner, to protect savable property.
 - 3. We will not risk our lives at all to protect lives or properties that are already lost.
- B. Good knowledge of truck company operations by the first in engine company officer is critical. This initial IC will be giving the truck company its first assignment upon arrival at an incident. In addition, proper placement of the first engine on scene can help or hamper the first due truck company and its operation.
- C. Initial primary truck assignments can be grouped into inside and outside responsibilities. They are as follows:

1. Inside Responsibilities

- Forcible Entry
- Search and Rescue
- Controlling the Extension of Fire
- Assisting Attack Operations
- Salvage
- Overhaul

2. Outside Responsibilities

- Ventilation
 - Horizontal
 - Vertical
 - Positive Pressure Attack
 - Positive Pressure Ventilation
- Utilities
 - Electricity
 - Natural Gas
 - Water

- D. When assigned these duties the Truck Company Officer should consider the personnel needed to accomplish the tasks assigned. Due to the needs for laddering or accessing large structures, if the Truck Company officer feels that to accomplish a particular task they will need additional personnel, they should make the request through the Incident Commander, Operations or Division/Group if established.
- D. The first arriving Truck Company Officer should work in concert with the first in Engine Company Officer to determine access points into the structure and the type of ventilation to meet the objectives to safely and effectively mitigate the incident.
- E. During fire ground operations, the Truck Company shall maintain accountability of his/her crew and maintain communications with the Incident Commander, Operations or Division/Group if established.

EXTRICATION

- A. A response to extrication with people trapped is a dynamic event. The first in engine company officer on scene must relay essential information to the truck company officer including the number of people trapped, best access to the incident and where to spot apparatus once on scene.

- B. Once on scene, the Truck Company Officer should conduct their own size up and consider the following priorities:
- PPE check
 - Fire Safety
 - Fire extinguisher on the “deck” and staffed
 - Charged, staffed protection line
 - Vehicle Stabilization – step chocks or vehicle stabilizers
 - Battery Disconnected
- C. Truck Company Officer’s should talk to the paramedic in charge of the trapped person(s) inside the vehicle and determine the best method to remove the patient.
- Cover everyone within the vehicle with the rescue blanket.
 - Locate, identify and if possible disable all Supplemental Restraint Systems in the vehicle.
- D. Once the Truck Company Officer has developed the action plan, they shall notify the Incident Commander if additional personnel are needed to accomplish the extrication.

WATER REMOVAL

- A. On water removal incidents, the Truck Company Officer needs to identify the type of water to be removed (clean or sewer). The Arcadia Fire Department does not pump or remove sewer water.
- B. Truck Company Officer’s should determine the resources necessary to accomplish the water removal keeping in mind personnel safety and property conservation.
- Keeping companies available on scene to handle life safety calls.
 - For a larger business, obtain their loss prevention personnel to assist with water removal. This will allow Department resources to remain available for additional calls for service.