

# SOUTH PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

## STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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1. **PURPOSE:** To define and describe the standard placement of responding units the South Portland Fire Department.

2. **PROCEDURES:**

### **Standard Unit Placement and Procedures:**

This procedure will automatically apply to all box alarm assignments. All units that have staged at Level 1 or 2 shall keep their crew intact and with the apparatus until assigned by Command.

In an effort to reduce radio traffic and to also pre-plan some of the initial fire scene activities the following should be understood to be your assignment, unless otherwise directly assigned another task by the IC.

### **First Fulltime Engine Company**

- Stop short of or beyond fire building leaving room for the ladder company
- Establish command, complete a size up and report action plan (i.e. investigation mode)
- Initiate appropriate actions, such as primary search suppression/ protection line advancement (lay a supply line if situation dictates & feasible)

### **First Ladder Company**

- Position vehicle to make a ladder set for rescue, ventilation, and/or exposure control
- Provide ventilation as directed by the IC
- Check rear of building for possible trapped people

### **First Ambulance**

- Assist the 1<sup>st</sup> fire company as directed. (Park out of the way)
- This may include the following:
  - Provide the “2 out” per SPFD SOG
  - Begin primary search
  - Assist in the investigation mode

### **Second Fulltime Engine Company**

- Stop at hydrant unless command directs you to an alternate location
- Establish a water supply.
- Establish backup line attack
- Begin or assist in primary search
- Connect to sprinkler / standpipe system if applicable

**Third Fulltime Engine Company** (On the All Hands, or Special Call)

- Augment the 2 out crew, start gathering and setting up the RIT team equipment unless otherwise assigned by the IC.

**First Call Engine Company**

- Stop at hydrant and prepare to establish water supply
- Provide manpower

**Second Call Engine Company**

- Stop at hydrant and standby
- Provide Manpower

**Second Ladder Company** *when applicable*

- Stage one block away, unless directed otherwise. (Should expect to be assigned the rear of the building so stage accordingly)

**Second Ambulance** (On the All Hands or Special Call)

- Establish an EMS/Rehab Division
- Provide Manpower

**Third Ambulance** (On the All Hands)

- Relieve the 2nd Rescue from EMS/Rehab Division

**Mutual Aid Heavy Rescue/Squad** (On the All Hands)

- Provide RIT unless otherwise assigned
- Refill SCBA bottles

**Additional Alarm Apparatus:**

Units responding on additional alarms may be instructed to report to a designated staging area(s), referred to as Level 2 Staging SOG. If a Level 2 Staging area is not utilized, Command or Fire Alarm will contact units with instructions.

- Report to the Staging Area (Level 2) as designated by Command
- First arriving unit at the Staging Area, with an officer, will become the Staging Officer
- The Staging Officer shall make unit assignments as directed by Command to a specific Group/Division Officers
- The level of reserve units at staging shall be established by Command. The Staging Officer shall communicate with dispatch to maintain the desired apparatus level
- The staging area should be located in a location out of view of the fire scene and large enough for the scale of the situation

3. REFERENCES:

- None

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