

Approaching the Scene

Discussion

The approach to the scene of an incident is a crucial part of the companies operation. Taking for granted the positioning of apparatus, noticing factors about the incident as well as consideration for additional arriving units are key factors in the overall success of the incident operation. Department or Division SOG's often take some of these factors into consideration and through standard practice, each department will be able to better operate and an incident.

Some things to take into consideration when responding to a report of a fire include, positioning of the first-due engine and truck, establishing a water supply, observing building construction features and fire location information, time of day, weather and activity outside of the structure just to mention a few. Additional arriving units need to observe both visually and by listening to size-up reports and orders, the location of water, the types of lead outs used, other typical buildings that are not involved, observing the exposures and identification of utilities. Use of Level 1 and 2 staging may allow for more time to take all of these factors into consideration.

Approaching the scene of an auto accident, technical rescue incident or hazmat incident also require special consideration and should be approached with caution.



Approaching Other Incidents

Bomb Threat	Person Shot	Wires Down
Dumpster Fire	CO Investigation	Washdown



Approaching a Fire Scene

1. What factors need to be considered when approaching a fire scene with the first-due engine?
2. What factors need to be considered when approaching a fire scene with the first-due truck?
3. Additional arriving units need to observe what factors as they approach the incident scene?
4. What is the department procedure for responding units in regards to who will stage and who will proceed directly to the incident scene?
5. What general scene safety factors need to be considered while approaching the incident area?
6. When making a 360 size-up or approaching a structure, what safety considerations need to be taken during?

Approaching a Roadway Incident

1. Discuss factors relating to operational safety in your response to an incident on a roadway
2. What general safety considerations can be taken as you approach
3. What hazards can you look for as you approach the incident
4. What size-up techniques are applied to the roadway incident?
5. What factors can help you determine your operational needs while responding and once on the scene of the incident?
6. Where are vehicles to be positioned as they respond and arrive of the scene?



Approaching a Special Operations Incident

1. What is your definition of a special operations incident?
2. What factors need to be determined while responding to a special operations incident?
3. What factors are determined as you approach the scene of a special ops incident?
4. What specialized equipment may be used to help you determine facts of an incident at a safer distance?
5. If the incident is hazmat in nature, what approach information must you have while responding?
6. What factors are considered when it comes to positioning any apparatus at a special ops incident?
7. If conditions are appearing to worsen or be unstable, what should be done with apparatus and personnel placements?

