

POINT PLEASANT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Engine Company Assignments

Standard Operating Guideline

Purpose:

To establish riding member assignments for Engine Company operations at fire emergencies.

Engine Company Positions:

- Driver
- Officer
- Nozzleman
- Back-up
- Doorman
- Control (Hydrant) man

Engine Company Personnel Assignments:

Driver:

Key Tasks:

- Drives apparatus to scene and properly place
- Secure water source – supply line connection
- Ensure cross-lay is flaked out of hose bed and/or static line is connected
- Monitor radio for instructions
- Operates Pump
- Communicate status of water, fuel and other key information to IC

Tools:

- Radio

Officer:

Key Tasks:

- Directs apparatus placement
- Initial size-up and attack mode
- Communicates fire conditions and location of fire to IC
- Calls for the line to be charged
- Controls the door to fire area

- Communicates with OV, directs fire attack and hose-line advancement, monitors conditions

Tools:

- Radio
- Thermal Imaging Camera
- Officer's Tool or haligan (if no Truck Company present)
- Flashlight

Nozzlemans:

This position should be assigned to the Senior Firefighter during initial attack phase.

Key Tasks:

- Stretches the first length of hose and nozzle
- Flakes out line prior to initiating fire attack
- Bleeds air when line initially charged
- Controls stream and hose-line advancement, with Officer
- Performs hydraulic ventilation

Tools:

- Radio
- Flashlight

Back-up Man:

Key Tasks:

- Second FF on hose-line
- Stretching and flaking out hose-line in preparation for fire attack
- Chock doors while making stretch
- Supports nozzleman by absorbing as much nozzle reaction as possible
- Work in unison with nozzleman for hose-line advancement and direction change

Tools:

- Radio
- Flashlight
- Flat Head Axe (If no Truck Company on scene)

Doorman:

Key Tasks:

- If Control Man unavailable – ensures that cross-lay is out of the bed and/or assists with connection of static lay
- If Control Man unavailable – estimates the hose needed if a static lay is used

- Assists in flaking out line from door to the back-up position
- Chocks doors to prevent closing on hose-line
- Supports hose-line advancement by feeding hose
- Monitors fire conditions at the doorway and reports any deterioration in condition
- For relief purposes, assumes nozzle position

Tools:

- Radio
- Flashlight

Control (Hydrant) Man:

Key Tasks:

- For forward lays, secures supply line, makes the hydrant connection and opens hydrant when instructed by the Driver.
- Assists with hose stretch and/or static line connection for long stretches
- Assists Driver with connection if using steamer
- Removes kinks in line from apparatus to doorman's position
- Assists with hose-line advancement
- For relief purposes, assumes back-up position

Tools:

- Radio (if available)
- Flashlight
- Hydrant wrench
- Spanner wrench

Positions by manpower:

6 Firefighters

- Driver
- Officer
- Nozzleman
- Back-up
- Door
- Control

5 Firefighters

- Driver
- Officer
- Nozzleman
- Back-up
- Control/Door

4 Firefighters

- Driver
- Officer/Back-up
- Nozzleman
- Control (hydrant)/Back-up

3 Firefighters

- Driver/Control (assist with stretch)
- Officer/Back-up
- Nozzleman/Control (hydrant)

Apparatus Assignments:

1st Due Engine:

- Offensive Attack - Stretch the appropriate size hand-line to the main fire location
- Defensive Attack - Stretch a line to the exposure and initiate master stream operations as needed

2nd Due Engine:

- Assist with the stretch of the first line
- Stretch a back-up line to either protect the initial line or attack other areas of fire
- For basements fires, the 2nd line shall remain at the top of the basement stairs for protection and to limit vertical fire spread

Rule of Thumb – Do Not Stretch a 2nd line, until the 1st line is stretched and in operation

3rd Due Engine:

- Assist with stretching the initial lines
- Stretch and operate the line in the exposure

Additional Engine Companies

- Stretch lines and operate as dictated by the IC and fire conditions