

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Standard Operating Procedures

100.03.01 STRUCTURE FIRE OPERATIONS



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Purpose: To establish guidelines when responding to a structure fire.

References: N/A

Procedure:

1. Notification.

Upon dispatch to a structure fire, responders should utilize mapping to confirm:

- a) Location of the incident.
- b) Best response route to the incident.
- c) Hydrant nearest to the incident.

2. Response.

Once underway, responders should:

- a) Ensure the entire crew is seated and wearing seatbelts.
- b) Advise Dispatch they are responding and the address to which they are responding.
- c) Plan to go to the hydrant nearest to the incident.

3. Water Supply.

The establishment of a sustained water supply is essential to successful fire control operations. Responders should consider the following to ensure a water supply at the earliest time consistent with rapid fire attack:

- a) Hydrant Area – Respond to the hydrant nearest the incident scene:

i. **Smoke showing from hydrant location:**

1. First Unit: Proceed to scene or Officer discretion lay a large diameter water supply
2. Second Unit: Level 1 staging and prepare to be deployed. Generally, if the first unit has not secured water supply the second unit will locate and secure water supply and consider supply and/or relay pump operations.

ii. **No smoke showing from hydrant location:**

1. First Unit: Proceed to scene.
2. Second Unit: Level 1 staging and prepare to be deployed. Generally, if the first unit has not secured water supply the second unit will locate and secure water supply and consider supply and/or relay pump operations

- b) Rural Area (no hydrant within 1000 feet) – Respond to the scene.

i. **Smoke showing:**

1. First Unit: Should consider a driveway lay based on second unit proximity and distance to structure from water supply

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location. Driveway lay will generally be a single 2 ½ inch or greater supply line.

2. Second Unit: Level 1 stage. Generally, the second unit will prepare for relay pumping operations.
3. Tender: Prepare for draft or nurse tending operations.

ii. **No smoke showing:**

1. First Unit: Proceed to scene.
2. Second Unit: Level 1 staging.
3. Tender: Level 1 staging.

4. Arrival.

Upon arrival responders should:

- a) Provide a size-up and establish command.
- b) Determine an operational mode.
 - i. Offensive.
 - ii. Defensive.
 - iii. Transitional/Quick Hit.
 - iv. Rescue.
 - v. Investigation.
- c) Advise incoming units of operational mode selected and any other important information or directions.

5. Fire Attack.

Structure fire operations will generally utilize the following:

- a) Fire Attack Team.
- b) Back-Up Team.
- c) Primary Search Team
- d) Secondary Search Team
- e) Ventilation Group
- f) Rapid Intervention Team (RIT).
- g) On Deck Team(s)