

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Standard Operating Procedures

90.02.03
AFTER ACTION REVIEW



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Approved: *Jan J. Pahl*

Purpose: The purpose of an After Action Review is to provide a means of objectively analyzing District operations in a post-emergency environment and to provide a continuing review and development process through which improved methods and operations may be realized.

References: N/A

Procedure:

An After Action Review (AAR) shall be performed as soon as possible after mass casualty incidents (MCIs), fires with life or significant property loss, policy and/or procedure failures, and hazardous materials incidents, or as requested by an officer.

1. The AAR involves a discussion of events which transpired during an emergency incident. The analysis shall be as soon as possible after the incident at a location of the requesting officer's choosing. All personnel in attendance at the incident are encouraged to attend. The discussion should begin with the first officer or member on the scene, describing conditions upon arrival and initial actions and continue by allowing each involved officer (in order of arrival at the scene) to describe the observations and actions of their particular company. It may be helpful for the officers/members to utilize the following outline as provided:
 - a) Describe the strategies your company utilized.
 - i. Rescue/Evacuation.
 - ii. Exposure Protection.
 - iii. Defensive Attack.
 - iv. Offensive Attack.
 - v. Hose Placement.
 - vi. Ladder Placement.
 - vii. Ventilation.
 - viii. Salvage/Overhaul.
 - b) Describe tactics your company performed.
 - i. Forcible entry.
 - ii. Rescue.
 1. via Ladder.
 2. Stairway.
 3. Other.
 - iii. Hose lay utilized.
 - iv. Ladders utilized.
 1. Ladder placement.
 - v. Ventilation.

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1. Vertical.
 2. Positive pressure.
 3. Horizontal.
 - c) Describe the ICS positions your company had direct contact with.
 - i. Incident Commander (PIO & Safety Officer).
 - ii. Operations.
 - iii. Division or Group Supervisors.
 - iv. Staging.
 1. RIT.
 2. Resource.
 3. Equipment.
 4. Air.
 5. Rehab.
 6. Decontamination.
 - d) Describe safety issues involving your company.
 - i. Accountability System.
 1. On-duty Personnel.
 2. Off-duty Personnel.
 3. Volunteer Personnel.
 4. Automatic or Mutual Aid.
 - ii. Safety problems at emergency incident.
 1. Resolved.
 2. Unresolved.
 - iii. Safety equipment used.
 1. PASS Device.
 2. Air Monitoring Device.
 - e) Describe how communications affected your operation.
 - i. Fireground.
 - ii. Dispatch.
 - f) Describe any emergency medical services your company delivered.
 - i. Civilian as patient.
 - ii. Firefighter as patient.
 - g) Describe District operations that worked well.
 - h) Describe District operations that need improvement.
2. Discussion should continue with any outside agencies or departments being allowed to describe their respective involvement in the incident.

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3. After a description of the facts and the operations has been completed, the discussion should be opened up for questions and answers and expressions of opinions by all those present at the incident. The emphasis must be on overall operational improvements and should not focus on embarrassing any individual or group.
4. The initiating officer should conclude the post-incident analysis by summarizing the key points involved and providing additional comments as necessary. A post-incident analysis summary shall be filled out and forwarded to the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, Division Chiefs, and all involved officers if requested by the Fire Chief or designee.