

(INITIAL ACTION PLAN)  
(STRUCTURE FIRES)

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## **BACKGROUND**

This Guideline is to establish Pre-Arrival assignments to the first four engines on the scene and the first aerial device. A basic assignment or assignments will be given to the above apparatus to ensure the essential tasks are completed and that all responding units are aware of what each others objectives and responsibilities are. Since Structure Fires are always challenging and each Fire dictates what actions need to be performed this are general guidelines and can at any time be deviated by the Incident Commander.

## **PROCEDURE**

### First arriving Chief or Engine:

A brief report to other responding units and or Dispatch center should be provided, and if applicable transmit a working fire to the Schuylkill County 911 center so the “Working Fire” page is sent. Once this message is transmitted all units are to follow the remaining apparatus assignments. If a “nothing showing” message is transmitted units will proceed into the scene utilizing caution until otherwise instructed to cancel or receive an assignment. Units continuing into a “Nothing Showing Scene” should exercise extreme caution and stage apparatus in a strategic location.

### First Arriving Engine:

Approach and Size – up the scene, if there is no engine behind you in visible site and there is smoke or fire showing lay a supply line. If there is an engine behind you, respond to the front of the address and the second engine will establish the water supply.

Position the engine to allow room for the aerial device. Follow above on-scene report if no officer present on scene prior to your arrival, or if report has not yet be given. Establish command in front of the fire building if no Chief Officer on scene. Determine attack mode (offensive or defensive) and proper location to make initial attack (unburned to burned). Life Safety and a primary search is to be completed if manpower is sufficient.

#### Second Arriving Engine:

If the first engine is on scene with a supply line in place ensure adequate water supply and continue into scene, positioning apparatus in close to the first engine. Remember to leave room for the aerial device. Man power shall establish a 2<sup>nd</sup> attack line or back-up line. Line may be in-place from 1<sup>st</sup> engine if there is sufficient manpower. Life safety, primary and secondary search is to be completed. If sufficient manpower is on-scene ventilation should be started as soon as possible. The technique for ventilation must be selected, confirmed by Command, and relayed to the interior attack crews.

#### Third Arriving Engine:

If, necessary, a second supply line should be established and strongly consider placement to side or rear of the address of fire. Confirm ventilation is to be completed, if not this is your primary responsibility. Additional manpower is responsible for exposures if applicable. If no exposure concerns, secure utilities and assist in above functions where needed, coordinate this through Incident Command to track personnel and limit “free-lancing”

#### Fourth Arriving Engine:

Position apparatus in a location that it is not committed to the scene, unless otherwise instructed by command. All manpower is to report to command post and receive any orders to assist in above tasks. Additional manpower will be set aside for R.I.T. Until Dedicated R.I.T. company arrives on scene

First Arriving Aerial Device:

Position aerial device to the front of address unless otherwise directed, consider obstructions, overhead wires, etc. If possible position apparatus on corner of building, so the front and side of the building is accessible. The primary function is Rescue, if necessary; ladder will be used to help achieve ventilation whether for horizontal or vertical ventilation. Once ventilation is complete; position ladder where interior crews are operating to establish a secondary means of egress.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

All other Engines and squads are to position apparatus so not to block access to scene, or by orders of Incident Command. Again the incident type and location may dictate if more apparatus is needed and this is to be handled case by case.

Any incident occurring at a location where the Department has a Pre-plan follow the established guideline for that Pre-Planned location.

Radio communication is very important in the initial set-up, please limit unnecessary radio traffic and monitor radio transmissions closely so not to miss any important radio transmissions.

Rescue and Ambulances are to stage in a strategic location so not to block access to the scene for additional fire apparatus.

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