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Waterloo Vol Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines

Dumpster Fires

Purpose: The purpose of this standard operating guideline is to properly and safely extinguish a dumpster fire.

Emergency Response: An engine, the rescue and depending on the location of the dumpster fire, the tanker and additional engine maybe requested per the personnel in charge.

Scene Size Up: Is always required to determine the

- Location of the dumpster fire
- Type and size of the dumpster
- Determine if there are any exposure hazards
- Determine what materials maybe involved
- What and if any other resources maybe required.

Firefighting Operations: All firefighters who are actively engage in fire suppression shall wear complete personal protective gear including the usage of an SCBA.

The recommended means of fire suppression is the use of Water with .5% Cass A Foam. The use of water alone is acceptable but should be use with caution due to the unknown of what types of materials maybe inside that dumpster.