

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY FIRE and RESCUE ASSOCIATION	NUMBER: 602
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE	PAGE 1 of 2
SUBJECT: Rural Hitch Operations	EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/18/08
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PURPOSE: To standardize the lay out operations for structure fires.

BACKGROUND: There is a need to free up tankers to haul water for structure fires and provide an uninterrupted supply of water until operations have been completed.

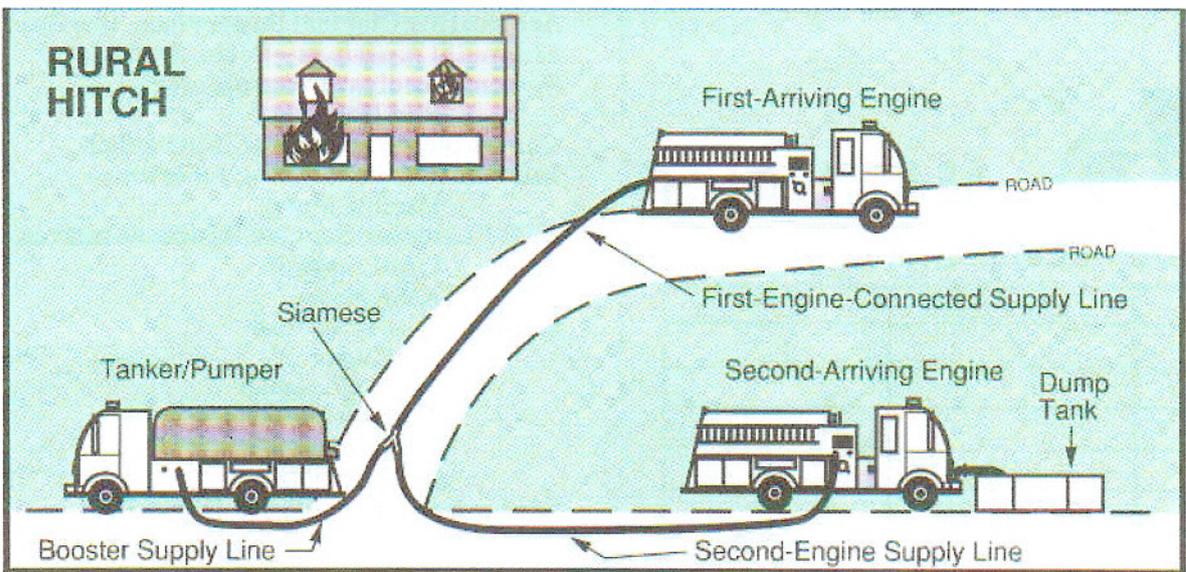
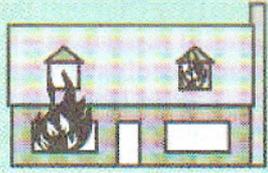
DEFINITIONS: Rural Hitch- A Siamese or Gated Wye attached to the end of a supply line to provide two possible supply sources for the Fire Attack Engine supply line.

POLICY:

1. The first arriving pumper (Fire Attack Engine) will lay out a 3" or larger supply line with a gated wye or siamese attached to the end. This should be laid from an area capable of supporting tanker operations to the fire scene.
2. The first arriving tanker shall hook to one side of the appliance with a 3" or larger supply line and provide water from its tank.
3. The second arriving pumper (Water Supply Engine) shall set up for drafting from a portable tank, and hook up a 3" or larger supply line to the other side of the appliance.
4. The second arriving tanker shall dump its water into the dump tank set up for drafting operations.
5. The first tanker shall continue to supply water to the Fire Attack engine until either empty, or a draft has been established by the second engine, at which time they should reposition to empty the rest of their water in the dump tank.
6. As tankers are emptied they shall proceed to the fill site to be refilled and return to the dump site.

Please see the following diagram for reference.

RURAL HITCH



First-Arriving Engine

ROAD

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First-Engine-Connected Supply Line

Siamese

Tanker/Pumper

Second-Arriving Engine

Dump Tank

Booster Supply Line

Second-Engine Supply Line