

**BOWIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.  
COMPANY 39**

**STATION DIRECTIVE**

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<b>Section:</b> Fireground Operations	
<b>Subject:</b> Responsibilities of Suppression Units	
<b>By Order of the Station Chief:</b> Timothy Daly	

**PURPOSE**

The operational success of each unit on the fire ground is primarily dependent upon the effectiveness of personnel on each unit carrying out their assigned duties. The effectiveness of the personnel on each unit is largely dependent upon having predetermined standard duties for each position and upon personnel on the unit being knowledgeable in their assigned duties.

This operational policy establishes standard duties for personnel riding in the various positions on the fire apparatus to be used in conjunction with Prince Georges County Fire and EMS Department General Order 3-1. This policy defines, by position, the tools and equipment to be taken and the functions for which personnel are responsible. The procedures in this policy are intended to enhance compliance with General Order 3-1.

**APPLICABILITY**

These pre-assigned duties are to be followed to the extent feasible by all personnel during all fire related assignments. They are subject to modification by the unit or incident commander when deemed appropriate in unusual circumstances, and are contingent upon adequate staffing levels.

**ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSIBILITIES – BOX/STREET ASSIGNMENTS**

Upon arrival on the fireground, the engine company will make every effort to establish a water supply, make necessary standpipe and sprinkler connections, protect exposures, make obvious rescues, confine and extinguish the fire, and assist with salvage and overhaul. The engine company position descriptions identified below are a guide to ensuring swift and efficient operations. The unit officer has the discretion and authority to deviate from this plan when circumstances and staffing levels dictate.

<b>ENGINE DRIVER</b>		<b>ENGINE OIC</b>	
<b>UTILITY</b>		<b>EMS</b>	
<b>LAYOUT</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> LINE</b>	<b>FORCIBLE ENTRY</b>	<b>LINE</b>

### **ENGINE DRIVER**

1. Running pants with steel-toed boots, portable radio, and additional tools needed to carry out responsibilities;
2. Safe response of the unit;
3. Properly position the unit according to General Order 3-1;
4. Make necessary hose/sprinkler/standpipe connections;
5. Clear the hose-beds;
6. Operate and monitor the pump;
7. Assist with any exterior rescues;
8. Account for unit equipment.

### **ENGINE OIC**

1. Full protective clothing, breathing apparatus, portable radio, hand tool, and hand light;
2. Obtain proper location of incident and coordinate proper running route;
3. Determine and ensure appropriate water supply;
4. Provide scene size-up and assess any life hazard conditions;
5. Establish and/or pass command (if running first due);
6. Establish command is passed by first due engine (if running second due);
7. Coordinate initial plan of attack;
8. Conduct search and rescue while initiating plan of attack;
9. Maintain communications with the division commander and/or incident commander;
10. Assist with the advancement of the initial attack line.

### **LINE**

1. Protective clothing, breathing apparatus, and hand light;
2. Advance and operate appropriate hose line;
3. Locate/confine/extinguish fire;

4. Conduct brief search and make any necessary rescues;
5. Hydro-vent the structure.

### **FORCIBLE ENTRY**

1. Protective clothing, breathing apparatus, hand light, irons (flat-head axe and haligan bar), and/or rabbit tool;
2. Force entry into IDLH atmosphere for attack team;
3. Conduct brief search and make any necessary rescues;
4. Assist with fire location in IDLH atmosphere;
5. Provide for interior ventilation as directed by the ENGINE OIC.

### **LAYOUT**

1. Protective clothing;
2. Lay out supply line as directed by the ENGINE OIC and/or ENGINE DRIVER;
3. Assist line position with flaking out attack line;
4. Assist driver with making appropriate hose/sprinkler/standpipe connections;
5. Conduct brief search and make any necessary rescues.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> LINE**

1. Protective clothing, breathing apparatus, and hand light;
2. Stand by at unit to pull and advance appropriate back-up line;
3. Advance back-up line as directed by unit officer or command;
4. Conduct brief search and make any necessary rescues.

### **EMS**

1. Protective clothing;
2. Provide appropriate EMS care as needed.

### **UTILITY**

1. Protective clothing;
2. Assist driver with flaking out hose lines and making appropriate hose/sprinkler/standpipe connections.

### **TOWER COMPANY RESPONSIBILITIES**

Upon arrival on the fireground, the tower company crew will split into 2 teams. These two teams shall be designated '**INTERIOR**' and '**EXTERIOR**'. The teams will perform the standard duties of truck companies, and will coordinate their actions while working independently. The '**UTILITY POSITIONS**' will operate at the discretion of the **TOWER OIC** and/or the **TOWER DRIVER**.

**INTERIOR TEAM** – This team shall consist of the **TOWER OIC, FORCIBLE ENTRY** and **HOOK AND CAN** positions. These positions are responsible for gaining entry for the engine company, primary search, fire location, interior ventilation, checking for extension, and salvage and overhaul. The interior team operates under the guidance of the **TOWER OIC**.

**EXTERIOR TEAM** – This team shall consist of the **TOWER DRIVER** and **OUTSIDE VENT/ROOF** position. These positions are responsible for raising ground ladders, exterior ventilation, utility control, roof work, lights and fans, additional exterior fire duties required, and salvage and overhaul. The exterior team operates under the guidance of the **TOWER DRIVER**. **ALL PERSONNEL OPERATING IN THE BUCKET ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR FALL PROTECTION HARNESES.**

<b>TOWER DRIVER</b>		<b>TOWER OIC</b>	
<b>UTILITY</b>		<b>UTILITY</b>	
<b>OUTSIDE VENT/ROOF</b>	<b>HOOK AND CAN</b>	<b>FORCIBLE ENTRY</b>	

**TOWER DRIVER**

1. Running pants with steel-toed boots, portable radio, and additional tools needed to carry out responsibilities;
2. Safe response of the unit;
3. Properly position the unit according to General Order 3-1;
4. Protective clothing, portable radio, and additional equipment needed;
5. Coordinates **'EXTERIOR'** team operations;
6. Effect obvious exterior rescues where necessary;
7. Work with the **OUTSIDE VENT/ROOF** position to raise ground ladders;
8. Deploy the outriggers and jacks with assistance from the **OUTSIDE VENT/ROOF**;
9. Operate the aerial device from the turntable with the **OUTSIDE VENT/ROOF**;
10. Assist with exterior fire scene duties: outside ventilation, utility control, roof work, lights and fans;
11. Assist with salvage and overhaul;
12. Account for unit equipment.

## **TOWER OIC**

1. Protective clothing, SCBA, portable radio, thermal imager, hand light and appropriate hand tool;
2. Obtain proper location of incident and coordinate proper running route
3. Perform necessary scene size-up;
4. Determine and assign methods and tasks to be followed by all crew members when necessary;
5. Coordinates '**INTERIOR**' team operations: forcible entry, search and rescue, fire location, interior ventilation, check for extension and salvage and overhaul.

## **FORCIBLE ENTRY (FE)**

1. Protective clothing, SCBA, irons and/or hydra-ram, and hand light;
2. Team up with the **TOWER OIC** and first due engine company OIC, and assist gaining entry into IDLH atmosphere;
3. Perform search and rescue activities with the **TOWER OIC** and **HOOK AND CAN** position;
4. Provide interior ventilation;
5. Check for extension;
6. Salvage and overhaul.

## **HOOK AND CAN**

1. Protective clothing, SCBA, small/medium hook, pressurized water extinguisher, and hand light;
2. Perform search and rescue activities with the **TOWER OIC** and **FORCIBLE ENTRY** position;
3. Protect the **INTERIOR TEAM** with the pressurized water extinguisher;
4. Provide interior ventilation;
5. Check for extension;
6. Perform salvage and overhaul.

## **OUTSIDE VENT/ ROOF**

1. Protective clothing, SCBA, appropriate size hook, fall protection harness, and hand light;
2. Effect obvious exterior rescues where necessary;
3. Work with the **TOWER DRIVER** to raise ground ladders to the fire floor and the floor above;
4. Assist the **TOWER DRIVER** with deploying the outriggers and jacks;
5. Operate the aerial device from the bucket with the **TOWER DRIVER**;
6. Provide for exterior horizontal ventilation using a medium or long hook;
7. Work with **TOWER DRIVER** to assess the roof, determine need and provide vertical ventilation;
8. Provide lights and fans;

9. Perform salvage and overhaul.

**UTILITY POSITIONS**

1. Assists with the completion of **‘INTERIOR’** and/or **‘EXTERIOR’** operations where necessary. The **TOWER OIC** and/or **TOWER DRIVER** will give specific instructions when assistance is required.

**ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSIBILITIES – PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS**

Upon arrival of a personal injury accident, the engine company will make every effort to provide scene safety and crew safety, vehicle stabilization, patient extrication (with or without the Amkus tool), patient care, and traffic control. The engine company position descriptions identified below are a guide to ensuring swift and efficient operations. The unit officer has the discretion and authority to deviate from this plan when circumstances and staffing levels dictate. *Upon arrival of a PIA with entrapment, the Engine OIC must promptly decide whether the engine will function as the engine company (no Amkus use) or part of the rescue company (Amkus use).*

<b>ENGINE DRIVER</b>		<b>ENGINE OIC</b>	
<b>UTILITY</b>		<b>EMS</b>	
<b>LAYOUT</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> LINE</b>	<b>FORCIBLE ENTRY</b>	<b>LINE</b>

**ENGINE DRIVER**

1. Running pants with steel-toed boots, portable radio, and additional tools needed to carry out responsibilities;
2. Safe response of the unit;
3. Properly position the unit to protect the scene and all crew personnel;
4. Operate the pump;
5. Assist with Amkus tool connections and operations;
6. Assist with traffic control;
7. Account for unit equipment.

**ENGINE OIC**

1. Full protective clothing, portable radio, and hand tool;
2. Obtain proper location of incident and coordinate proper running route;

3. Provide scene size-up and assess any life hazard conditions;
4. Coordinate and supervise plan of attack;
5. Assist with Amkus tool connections and operations.

### **LINE**

1. Protective clothing;
2. Advance trash line to protect operating personnel;
3. Locate/confine/extinguish any noticeable fire.

### **FORCIBLE ENTRY**

1. Protective clothing and irons (flat-head axe and haligan bar);
2. Provide vehicle stabilization;
3. Disconnect electrical service (battery) service if required;
4. Assist with operating the Amkus tool (secondary tool operator);
5. Assist EMS units with patient care.

### **LAYOUT**

1. Protective clothing;
2. Assist line position with flaking out attack line;
3. Assist driver with traffic control;
4. Assist EMS units with patient care.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> LINE**

1. Protective clothing;
2. Provide vehicle stabilization;
3. Operate the Amkus tool (primary tool operator)

### **EMS**

1. Protective clothing;
2. Assist EMS units with patient care.

### **UTILITY**

1. Protective clothing;
2. Provide assistance as directed by the engine driver and the engine officer.