
Ames Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines


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Chapter: 4 – **Company Tasks and Firefighting Objectives**

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to define fire suppression tasks and strategies that first-in companies may need to address upon arrival.

POLICY:

By defining a structure for the array of possibilities, responding personnel can prepare to prioritize necessary actions in a manner that utilizes companies in an efficient and effective manner.

PROCEDURES:

Incident Priorities

- Life safety
- Incident stabilization
- Property conservation

Crew Strategies

- Rescue
- Exposure
- Confinement
- Overhaul
- Extinguishment

Tasks

This SOG does not limit companies to the listed tasks, nor is it intended to define in absolute terms which company performs individual tasks. It is the responsibility of all personnel to be familiar with all task assignments normally assigned to their company. Training personnel to address assigned tasks is the responsibility of all company officers.

- The following is a list of company-level tasks, not necessarily listed in order of importance:
 - Engine company tasks
 - Rescue
 - Water supply
 - Initial attack lines
 - Backup lines
 - Exposure protection
 - Heavy streams
 - Tactical use of protective systems
 - Overhaul
 - Truck company tasks
 - Rescue
 - Ventilation

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- Laddering
 - Forcible entry
 - Fire extension
 - Ladder pipe operations
 - Utility control
 - Salvage
 - Overhaul
- Cross-training with engine and truck companies assures an understanding of the importance of coordinated company actions.
 - Equipment, tools, and appliances should be placed on apparatus in a manner to facilitate quick response. Firefighters should approach fire suppression activities with the necessary resources to address task assignments.
 - Assigning tasks by company helps maintain crew structure and should assist in effectively utilizing the department's accountability system.