

Grissettown Longwood Fire & Rescue

Enroute Activities

- A. Observation of local traffic regulations and signaling devices is to be observed at all times unless traffic yields to the apparatus.
- B. Drivers are to determine equipment assignments and priority to assure that when dismounting appropriate equipment requirements are satisfied.

3.1 INITIAL APPROACH

- a. The last 500 feet of approach must be carefully examined by both the driver and members for people, vehicles, and other possible helpful or impeding items.

3.2 POSITIONING THE APPARATUS

- a. Apparatus shall be positioned such that additional responding units can be properly positioned for effective operations, as well as to allow for efficient hose lays.
- b. Under no circumstances are vehicles to be located within the collapse zone of any involved or potentially involved structure.
- c. No vehicle, except for an assigned Engine or Tanker, is to be located within 25 feet of any hydrant, hose, standpipe, or sprinkler valve connection.
- d. Dead end streets or alleys are to be backed in when time allows: or if not feasible, clear back-out paths must be maintained.
- e. Engines are to be positioned for single hose lays without the need for additional sections on pre-connects when possible.
- f. EMS apparatus, rescue vehicles, special service vehicles, and unassigned apparatus are to be located at an initial Staging Area unless otherwise directed by the officer-in-charge. This Staging Area is to be located so as not to interfere with any vehicles entering or exiting the scene, hose lays, or “lock-in” due to inadequate exiting paths without the need to cross hose lays.

- g. The Staging Officer shall be responsible for proper staging and discharge of any staged vehicle or personnel as directed by the Incident Commander.

3.3 INITIAL REPORT

- a. The initial report is to be made by the first unit on scene to DISPATCH after the apparatus is properly positioned and an initial size-up has been made.
- b. The initial report is to be made as brief yet clear as possible. Unknown facts are not to be guessed at, since these facts can only be obtained through close examination or input from the property owner or neighboring residents.
- c. The initial report should include:
 - 1. Unit in command (designated by Command), i.e., “Engine 1” to DISPATCH, this will be Engine 1 Command”. In case of multiple calls Command will be designated by location.
 - 2. Smoke or fire visible, possible exposures
 - 3. Victims or possibly trapped occupants
 - 4. Request additional resource if necessary.
 - 5. Summary of actions taken
 - 6. Other pertinent information
 - 7. Request a Fireground channel
- d. If immediate action is to occur, the incident commander must indicate such and, since operational commitments will be made by the crew, command should be transferred to the next responding officer to arrive.

3.4 DISPATCHING THE CREW

- a. The officer-in-charge is responsible for assigning the crew and providing orders for initial activities.
- b. It is also this officer’s responsibility to assure that appropriate initial actions are deployed, as well as positioning the apparatus needed.
- c. The officer-in-charge is also to provide a secondary report to DISPATCH to advise all additional responding units of proper response and/or cancellation to include automatic aid companies.
- d. Under no circumstances are crews to be committed without specific orders, nor are excess crews or personnel to be released from the scene. At no time shall any individual conduct any activities unless instructed to do so by an officer (no freelancing will be tolerated).