

Grissettown Longwood Fire & Rescue

Overall Operations

Overhaul operations include those work activities performed at the termination of fire extinguishment and control to assure of complete extinguishment and no re-ignition upon station release from the scene. Airpacks and turnout gear to be used until area cleared by use of monitoring equipment.

13.1 MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS

- a. Fresh fire fighters shall be used for overhaul activities to assure of both physical abilities and visual observation of areas new to the personnel. This assures that areas observed will not be limited to those areas fought on initial attack.
- b. Overhaul crews are to be a minimum of 2 fire fighters and one officer.

13.2 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- a. Overhaul crews may utilize a variety of equipment, including but not limited to:
 - Ax,
 - Pike pole,
 - Handlight,
 - 1½ inch charged line
 - Temp Meter – May also be used in incipient fire under discretion of line officer (ex: chimney fire or electrical wire in the wall).

13.3 SCENE PRESERVATION

- a. Scene preservation must be considered during overhaul activities to assist fire investigators.
- b. Compromising of scene preservation at the risk of re-ignition must no occur, unless specifically ordered by an on-scene fire investigator.
- c. Should any unusual signs, items, or burn patterns be discovered they are to be reported immediately to the line officer.

13.4 EXAMINATION AND SWEEPING

- a. Examination and sweeping of the fire scene must be performed in exposure areas as well to assure that no ignition has occurred. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Adjacent rooms or enclosed areas,
 - Walls, floors and ceilings,
 - Cock lofts and attics, and

- Basements and crawl spaces.
- b. Walls and ceilings are to be opened until clean areas of no burning are exposed.
- c. Floors are to be opened under orders of a line officer.
- d. Fire debris is to be removed from within the structure and piled in a single location directly outside the closest exterior room unless directed otherwise.
- e. Removed debris is to be examined and a water blanket applied under orders of the line officer.
- f. During overhaul activities any unsafe rooms, walls, floors, or other safety hazard areas or items are to be reported to the line officer or Safety Officer for marking as restricted areas.

13.5 SAFETY

- a. Overhaul safety is to be viewed the same as fire fighting safety, since opening of confined spaces may cause re-ignition or flashing.
- b. Should in the process of overhauling, conditions reveal themselves that may directly harm the overhaul crew, immediate withdrawal is to occur.
- c. Some indications that warrant immediate withdrawal include, but are not limited to:
 - Gas odors,
 - Firearms or ammunition,
 - Open floors,
 - Unstable walls,
 - Arching electrical wires, and
 - Excessive “creaking.”

