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FIRST DUE

Truck Company

Discussion

The truck company function must be completed regardless of having and aerial ladder or not. The many functions of truck company work support the engine company assignment and prevent loss and property damage when done early and correctly. Being assigned “truck work” usually means that you must be prepared for a multitude of tasks and assignments, often in short order. The acronym LOVERS-U is used to illustrate the many aspects of truck work. Your responsibility in this training session is to discuss the assignments given to members who will perform truck work. Discuss the assignments and duties of a typical truck company in your department upon initial arrival of the first company assigned to complete truck work. *Refer to T & S 1 course materials for further information.*

Incident Location: (Insert location for sample incident)

Fire Attack Strategy: Offensive, Unknown Occupants, No initial exposures

Assignment: Ventilation

Apparatus Designation: First Arriving Truck Company

Fire Line - Do Not Cross - Fire Line - Do Not Cross - Fire Line - Do Not Cross - Fire Line - Do Not Cross -

Engineer/Apparatus Operator:

- ◇ Where will you position the apparatus upon arrival
- ◇ What are your first actions when you stop the apparatus
- ◇ What are the aerial ladder possibilities and uses for this incident
- ◇ Describe the set-up procedures
- ◇ What ground ladders may be needed for roof access
- ◇ Are you going to stay with your company or your apparatus
- ◇ What tools will be needed for ventilation of this roof
- ◇ Describe how and where ladders / aerial will be used for access



Officer:

- ◇ Describe your thoughts while responding to this incident
- ◇ Describe your size-up of this incident for your assignment
- ◇ What will be your access method for this roof
- ◇ Where will it be made at
- ◇ Who will go to the roof with you:
 - ◇ A full crew or will your engineer stay with the apparatus
 - ◇ If they stay with the apparatus, what assignments might you give
- ◇ Describe your access to the peak of the roof
- ◇ What safety precautions must you take before / during / after you work on this assignment
- ◇ What will your sector designation be for this incident
- ◇ Will you wear scba
- ◇ What escape routes / methods have you considered
- ◇ What will your position be while on the roof
- ◇ What will your next action be when ventilation is complete

Firefighter:

- What are your mental size-ups while enroute
- Define you level of PPE
- What assignments do you anticipate from your officer
- What are your tool assignments
- What type/size of ground ladder is needed for roof work
- Will an aerial ladder be necessary or used
- What carry and raise will be used with ground ladders
- What ladder safety checks must be performed before use
- How are your tools carried to the roof
- What safety precautions will you take while accessing and working on the roof
- Describe your ventilation operation
- What happens if fire is encountered from the vent hole

Review Points:

- ⇒ Truck Company Functions & Dept. SOG
- ⇒ Apparatus Equipment & Operations
- ⇒ Vertical Ventilation Safety, Personal Safety Considerations

Assume that only the first due engine is working here. Option: Insert a photo of one of your own fires or a sample structure for discussion.

