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Initial Radio Report for Structure Fire Incidents Policy



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Related Policies: Chief's Memo. 2019-044, Initial Radio Report for Structure Fire Incidents Policy.

Applicable HI Statutes:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assure that first arriving Company Officers communicate mission-specific information at structure fire incidents to assist in safe and efficient fire-ground operations.

II. APPLICABILITY

- A. This Policy will apply to all members of the Hawai'i Fire Department.
- B. All Company Officers shall be familiar with their assigned districts and be able to apply this policy accordingly.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Clear Radio - to clear specific channel (talk group) for communication.
 - 1. To ensure radio report is given on the correct channel.
 - 2. To alert Fire Communications Control Center (FCCC) and all the other responders you are on-scene and are ready to transmit your Initial Radio Report.
- B. Building Description - the use of common text when describing a building or structure.
 - 1. Size - small, medium, large or mega.
 - 2. Height - number of stories above ground. Ground floor is one.
 - 3. Occupancy Types:
 - a. Residential - single family residence
 - b. Multi-unit Residential-apartments, town houses, multi-family dwellings.
 - c. Public assembly (describe the use) - school, church, bar, restaurant, movie, theatre, etc.
 - d. Strip Mall - rows of stores, general retail in nature.
 - e. Commercial - stand-alone facility usually for storage, manufacturing, or distribution.
- C. Situation Report - the description of four fire conditions.
 - 1. No smoke visible.
 - 2. Light smoke visible - no fire.
 - 3. Heavy smoke visible - no fire.
 - 4. Working Fire - describe fire location:
 - a. Determine and identify four side(s) - Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta.
 - b. For structure fires, identify what floor - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.
 - c. For apartments or strip malls - identify middle or which end.

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IV.

PROCEDURES

A. Clear radio, identify self, confirm two-way communication, state your unit(s) status.
"Fire control, Engine 1. (Standing by for Engine 1). Engine 1 is on scene ... "

B. Describe building and situation.

1. Size, Type, Height - "medium, three story multi-unit apartment building ... "
2. Situation and location of fire - "we have a working fire, flames showing from the Alpha side, second floor, middle of building ... "

C. Describe actions - be brief and concise.

1. "Engine 1 has secured a hydrant, will deploy two lines, one line for initial attack and primary search, second line will be used for backup ... "

D. Assign resources - assignments shall be in accordance with Procedures Manual 900.045.

- Ladder 2, I need you to ladder the alpha side for potential rescue;
- Company 3, back up your interior attack team and set up RIC;
- Captain 3, you will be the Safety and Accountability Officer;
- Company 4, I need you to ladder the Charlie side of building;
- Fire Control, please dispatch a second medic, inspectors, HELCO, Gas co., and Red Cross.

E. Determine strategy- Offensive or Defensive.

1. "We will be taking a defensive stand. Company 2 to protect Bravo side exposures. Company 3 to protect Charlie side exposures. No interior attack at this time ... "

F. Establish Command, Command Post location, name of Incident.

1. "Engine 1 will be the command post. Location is on the Alpha/Delta corner. Captain 1 will be the Incident Commander. This will be the Lincoln Structure Fire ... "

G. Establish a Communication Channel.

1. "Fire Control, have all units switch to Hilo 2 after arriving on scene. IC will maintain communication with Fire Dispatch on Hilo 1 ... "

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