

TACTICAL DECISION GAMES

TDG #2 Solution Worksheet

One-story strip mall fire, E-89 first-in

Fire Ground Considerations:

1. Fire is well-established towards one-end of a one-story, L-shaped strip mall with a façade before we arrive!
2. Less than a Full Assignment initially dispatched.
3. Danger of fire running a common attic and/or the façade – façade is a major concern, ref: LACoFD LODD FF J. Howe on State Street fire.
4. Time of day – businesses should be open – may be occupied – what started the fire? – did everyone get out?

Fire Ground Company Actions:

1. E-89 Hydrant Man to “load the line.”
2. E-89 Captain to assume I.C. and request additional resources:
(3) task forces, (2) BCs, (2) RAs.
3. E-77 lay-in to the rear – spot to the long side of the strip mall ahead of the fire and come in one unit ahead of the fire from the rear (avoiding the façade).
4. E-89 Rookie and Hydrant Man to pull a 2-1/2” handline, loop-it in the parking lot in front staying out from under the façade, and hitting the main fire.
5. LF-89 – to the roof – heat hole over the fire if possible – then move towards the long side of the strip mall and put a strip vent in ahead of the fire – coordinate with E-77 below.

When the other companies arrive, they will:

1. Support the attack on the main fire.
2. Reinforce E-77 ahead of the fire.
3. Support T-89 on the roof.
4. Gain entry to the business to the left of the main fire and check for extension.
5. The façade will need to be checked from the backside (from the roof), above, or the ends – but not from below.

6. Make sure all remaining businesses in the strip mall have been evacuated.
7. Secure all utilities.

Incident Objectives:

1. **FF Safety** – façade is a major concern.
2. **Rescue** – did all occupants get out?
3. **Confine the fire** – to the unit of origin if possible – carefully check the façade and the attic(s). Aggressive attack plus vertical ventilation to slow or stop the horizontal spread of the fire.
4. **Salvage** businesses each side of the fire – focus on computers, records, files.

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