

TACTICAL DECISION GAMES VOLUME 2, ISSUE 1
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TASK FORCE 47 "C"

On an incident of this magnitude and with the potential of great life loss (DOROTHY MAE), the companies overall goals and objectives are to take an aggressive attack on the seat of the fire with a coordinated ventilation operation via the stairwell. The company strategies are based on the simple principles of R.E.C.E.O.V.S.

PRE-INCIDENT CONSIDERATIONS

Prior to any incident of this type and magnitude, our company has decided the following would be the most appropriate/ realistic considerations:

- ✓ Company Standard Operating Guidelines – SAFETY, NFPA 1500-1561
- ✓ Background, training and experience of the crew.
- ✓ Physical condition of the members.
- ✓ Apparatus capabilities
- ✓ Equipment available – equip. to shops etc.
- ✓ Community demographics – hydrant, street closures, hillsides etc.
- ✓ Community target hazards -
- ✓ Community fire safety education level.
- ✓ BI rating – heat exhaustion, 90 degree VS. 60 degree
- ✓ Pre-fire planning – knowing the building

PRE-INCIDENT ACTIONS

Prior to any incident of this type, our company has determined the following to be the appropriate actions.

- ✓ Constant fundamental training evolutions
- ✓ Training sessions specific to our district and our company.
- ✓ Regular Fire Prevention/ Pre-fire planning
- ✓ Develop SOG's
- ✓ Develop good communication

RECEIPT OF ALARM

Upon receipt of the alarm our company determined the following items to be of extreme importance:

- ✓ Don full structure PPE's
- ✓ Check maps, routes and hydrant closures.
- ✓ Communicate address, route, tac channel, type of alarm.

EN-ROUTE CONSIDERATIONS

While responding to this incident all members of the company should consider the following as pertinent qualifiers:

- ✓ Type of incident/ alarm – reported smoke/ fire = time of burn.
- ✓ Time of day – occupancy loads.
- ✓ Companies responding – routes, sequence, district etc.
- ✓ Access – maps, hydrants and traffic
- ✓ Additional information on MDC
- ✓ Loom-up
- ✓ Companies on-scene; assignments
- ✓ Company safety/ SOG's
- ✓ Community demographics – size, type, shape, age, use, construction etc.

EN-ROUTE ACTIONS

While responding to any incident of this nature, our company has determined the following as the minimum actions required:

- ✓ Personal size-up
- ✓ Communicate pertinent information
- ✓ Check personal gear
- ✓ Place radio on proper channels
- ✓ Listen to arriving companies
- ✓ Obtain H2o supply ; lay-a-line

ON-SCENE CONSIDERATIONS

- ✓ Apparatus placement – safety/ use
- ✓ Building size, type, shape, construction, use, age, occupancy load
- ✓ Area of involvement
- ✓ Fire behavior
- ✓ NFPA 1500-1561
- ✓ Buddy system
- ✓ R.E.C.E.O.V.S.
- ✓ Assignments
- ✓ Access – bars, entry/ exit, H2o
- ✓ Second floor exposures
- ✓ Hose line deployment – adjoining apartment VS. lobby entrance
- ✓ Enclosed corridor – garden style apartment
- ✓ Attic involvement
- ✓ Ponet doors – Dorothy Mae ordinance
- ✓ Horizontal ventilation
- ✓ Evacuation
- ✓ Fire suppression systems
- ✓ Apposing hose lines

ON-SCENE ACTIONS

TFC: IC

- ✓ Scene size-up, request two additional Task Force's, (1) RA (para), (1) BC, DOT, LAPD, and Red Cross. Identify staging and Name IC. Placement of resources:
 - ✓ T72 – Roof
 - ✓ E72 – F/A – 1st floor

 - ✓ T1 – Roof Div.
 - ✓ E1 – Div. 2, F/A
 - ✓ T2 – Div 1, inside truck work
 - ✓ E2 – BU/FA 1st floor
 - ✓ T3 – Evac, S&R all floors
 - ✓ E3 – BU/FA 2nd floor
 - ✓ TF4 / RA1 – RIC
 - ✓ EMS/ RA2/ RA3 – Medical Div.
 - ✓ E5 /E6 – Stand by @ stag

 - ✓ Face-to-face relief
 - ✓ Join company

APPARATUS OPERATOR

- ✓ Spot apparatus – safety, roof access, corner of structure, uninvolved to involve.
- ✓ Ascend ladder with ventilation crew and equipment
- ✓ Gives roof size-up
- ✓ Directs team to penthouse door
- ✓ Report smoke conditions to IC upon opening penthouse door
- ✓ Informs IC of interior descent via stairwell and request additional truck to take Roof Div
- ✓ Informs IC of conditions of each floor and hall ie: 3rd floor clear no occupants
- ✓ Verify fire unit # with F/A company
- ✓ Closes all hallway doors
- ✓ Direct occupants to shelter in place on 2nd floor PRN and notify IC of unit #
- ✓ Descends to 2nd floor to check for extension
- ✓ Reports condition on 2nd floor at the fire door to the IC
- ✓ Informs IC of hose line deployment to contain fire via drop bag
- ✓ Leads F/A with 2 FF's from adjoining unit
- ✓ Communicates PRN – (condition, actions needs)

TILLER MEMBER

- ✓ Personal size-up
- ✓ Assist with deployment of 35' extension ladder
- ✓ Obtains ventilation tools
- ✓ Ascends aerial ladder with ventilation team
- ✓ Roof size-up
- ✓ Sounds roof and identifies structural members
- ✓ Assist Top member with opening penthouse door
- ✓ Descend stairwell with ventilation team
- ✓ Assist with drop bag operation – pull hose
- ✓ Pull ceiling
- ✓ Drop bag hose packs PRN
- ✓ Primary search of involved unit

TOP MEMBER

- ✓ Personal size-up
- ✓ Assist with deployment of aerial – chock blocks
- ✓ Assist with deployment of 35' extension ladder
- ✓ Obtains ventilation/ forcible entry tools
- ✓ Ascends aerial ladder with ventilation team
- ✓ Roof size-up
- ✓ Sounds roof and identifies structural members
- ✓ Open penthouse door
- ✓ Descend stairwell with ventilation team
- ✓ Assist with drop bag operation
- ✓ Become Nozzle member – advance hose lines

INSIDE MEMBER

- ✓ Personal size-up
- ✓ Obtain forcible entry tools
- ✓ Establish entry/ exit for Engine Company
- ✓ Obtain inside ladder and floor runner
- ✓ Join Engine Company with F/A and pull ceiling
- ✓ Conduct primary search of room

ENGINE 72 CAPTAIN

- ✓ Personal size-up
- ✓ Direct company – 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " hose through lobby entrance
- ✓ Lead F/A team
- ✓ Inform IC of conditions in hallway
- ✓ Request BU/FA from opposite end of hallway
- ✓ Inform IC of fire conditions/ behavior in fire unit
- ✓ Update IC as conditions change
- ✓ Inform IC upon extinguishment
- ✓ Inform IC upon completion of secondary search

ENGINE 72 ENGINEER

- ✓ Personal size-up
- ✓ Obtain H2o supply via 2-piece engine ops.
- ✓ Spot apparatus – safety, transverse beds, (lobby and fire unit)
- ✓ Connect running line
- ✓ Call for H2o
- ✓ Assist with deployment of 1 ¾" hose for F/A
- ✓ Assist with deployment of 1 ½" hose for BU/FA
- ✓ Direct apparatus lights into structure
- ✓ Deploy 20"X to 2nd floor adjacent window
- ✓ Be alert to inform IC of changing conditions
- ✓ Deploy other lines PRN

ENGINE 272 ENGINEER

- ✓ Personal size-up
- ✓ Spot to hydrant – safety, clear street
- ✓ Place apparatus in pump
- ✓ Place pump in volume
- ✓ Obtain H2o from hydrant
- ✓ Connect E72's supply line
- ✓ THROTTLE-UP PRN
- ✓ Deploy cones and request DOT as needed
- ✓ Assist other companies with H2o supply
- ✓ Secure 2nd supply PRN

NOZZLE MEMBER

- ✓ Personal size-up
- ✓ Obtain 1 ¾" package and enter building through main lobby entrance
- ✓ Take a minimum of 150' of hose to fire door
- ✓ Attack seat of the fire

HYDRANT MEMBER

- ✓ Disconnect hose from LDHV
- ✓ Capture duals of E272
- ✓ Return to apparatus
- ✓ Assist with deployment of 1 ¾" F/A hose line
- ✓ Obtain pike pole
- ✓ Enter building with F/A team – pull ceiling

EMS CAPTAIN

- ✓ Report to IC/ TFC
- ✓ Take lap for safety/ recon
- ✓ Become Medical Div
- ✓ Identify resource needs
- ✓ Identify RA staging and routes

RA1/RA2

- ✓ Establish communications
- ✓ Determine hospital availability
- ✓ Identify triage area
- ✓ Establish equipment pool

EXPLORER

- ✓ Assist with ground ladders
- ✓ Assist with hose line deployment
- ✓ Report to RA and assist with establishing medical equipment pool from engines
- ✓ Deploy fire line tape for crowd control and to direct the evacuees

POST INCIDENT CONSIDERATIONS

Once the emergency has been stabilized, the following items shall be of paramount concern:

- ✓ Cause determination
- ✓ Salvage/ overhaul
- ✓ Rehab/ rehousing
- ✓ Housing for the displaced occupants
- ✓ Arson notification
- ✓ Critique
- ✓ NFIRS report
- ✓ Relief notes
- ✓ FPOS update

POST INCIDENT ACTIONS

Once the incident has been abated the following actions shall take place:

- ✓ Notify OCD of knock down – incident clock
- ✓ Determine scope of overhaul – (1) TF per unit plus roof company
- ✓ Investigate cause – arson notification, Notify OCD of companies and time needed for overhaul
- ✓ Overhaul
- ✓ Return tac channel PRN
- ✓ Inventory check
- ✓ Notify OCD of company status
- ✓ F2
- ✓ FPOS entry
- ✓ Injuries – PRB
- ✓ F225 significant incident lessons learned
- ✓ Company training / critique
- ✓ Revisit building to discuss fire prevention and education with responsible parties/ occupants as part of a recovery phase.