

POINT PLEASANT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Squad Company Assignments

Standard Operating Guideline

Purpose:

A Squad Company assignment will be given when it is anticipated that the 1st due apparatus may be operating on scene initially as the only unit, or in instances where a long or complicated hose stretch is required and command wants to split resources for engine and truck company work. Based upon the limited use, only one Squad Company would be operating on the fire scene.

Squad Company Positions:

- Driver
- Officer
- Nozzleman
- Back-up
- Outside Vent Man (OV or OVM)
- Can

Interior and Exterior Teams:

Interior Team:

- Officer
- Nozzleman
- Back-Up

Exterior Team:

- Driver
- OVM
- Can

Squad Company Personnel Assignments:

Officer:

Key Tasks:

- Leads search for fire and/or victims
- Reports fire location and conditions to IC
- Directs hose team to fire
- Directs search efforts from the hoseline

Tools:

- Radio
- Flashlight(s)
- Thermal Imaging Camera
- Irons
- Rope Bag

Nozzleman:

This position should be assigned to the Senior Firefighter during initial attack phase.

Key Tasks:

- Stretches the first length of hose and nozzle
- Flakes out line prior to initiating fire attack
- Bleeds air when line initially charged
- Controls stream and hose-line advancement, with Officer
- Performs hydraulic ventilation

Tools:

- Radio (if available)
- Flashlight

Back-up Man:

Key Tasks:

- Second FF on hose-line
- Stretching and flaking out hose-line in preparation for fire attack
- Chock doors while making stretch
- Supports nozzleman by absorbing as much nozzle reaction as possible
- Work in unison with nozzleman for hose-line advancement and direction change

Tools:

- Radio (if available)
- Flashlight

Can:

Key Tasks:

- Assume the control position for the supply line stretch from the hydrant
- Team-up with OVM to search for fire and life
- Assist with ventilation while searching
- Contain fire prior to operation of the hose line

Tools:

- Radio (if available)
- Flashlight
- 6 Foot hook
- Water Can

Outside Vent Man (OVM):

Key Tasks:

- Ventilation in support of the fire attack
- Ventilation for Life – VES
- Search for victims
- Exterior inspection of the structure
- Place and raise ground ladders

Tools:

- Radio
- Flashlight
- 6 Foot hook
- Halligan bar
- Ground Ladder

Driver:

Key Tasks:

- Place and operate apparatus and aerial device
- Operate fire pump
- Assist with placement and raising of ground ladders
- Assist OVM

Tools:

- Radio
- Aerial ladder/Ground ladders
- Pump

Positions by manpower:

6 Firefighters

- Driver
- Officer
- Nozzleman
- Back-up
- OVM
- Can (makes hydrant connection)

5 Firefighters

- Driver
- Officer (performs the role of back-up as well)
- Nozzlemans
- OVM
- Can (makes hydrant connection)

4 Firefighters

- Driver
- Officer (performs the role of back-up as well)
- Nozzlemans
- OVM (performs the role of Can as well)

Squad Company Apparatus Assignments:

Interior Team

- Forces Entry
- Stretches attack line
- Locates and contains the fire
- Primary search for life in the fire area
- Ensures doors are chocked open
- Communicates fire location and conditions
- Assist with hoseline stretch and line operation

Exterior Team

- Outside perimeter search for any obvious victims and fire in the basement
- Horizontal ventilation in support of fire attack
- Search for victims, can be accomplished through VES (Vent-Enter-Search) in room(s) most likely to be occupied and floor above