

POINT PLEASANT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT
Truck Company Operations in Residential Dwellings
Standard Operating Guideline

General:

First due truck:

- Primary search of the fire floor.
- Determine the life hazard and rescue as required.
- Locate and confine the fire.
- Ladder building as needed.
- Control horizontal ventilation of the fire area.
- Attempt an examination of the cellar for fire.
- Pending arrival of the second truck company, assume responsibility for the entire dwelling.
- Primary search of the perimeter.
- Roof ventilation of flat roof buildings.

Second due truck:

- Primary search of all floors above the fire floor.
- Reinforce laddering and removal operations when necessary.
- Roof ventilation if needed (peaked roof).
- Insure roof ventilation (flat roof).
- Examine above the fire and exposures for extension.
- Insure that the cellar is examined for fire.
- Shut down utilities. Exercise caution when searching for the electric panel.
- Secondary search of perimeter.

1st Due Truck:

Interior Team:

- Forces entry
- Locates and contains the fire
- Primary search for life in the fire area
- Ensures doors are chocked opened
- Communicates fire location and conditions
- Continues search on floor above if 2nd due truck not operating

Exterior Team:

- Position truck to cover 2 sides of building
 - Outside perimeter search for any obvious victims and fire in the basement
 - Horizontal ventilation in support of fire attack
 - VES (Vent-Enter-Search) in room(s) most likely to be occupied
- Note: Vertical ventilation is not a top concern on most residential fires*

2nd Due Truck:

Interior Team:

- Primary search on the floor above fire or in the area away from the 1st due for a single story
- Checks for fire extension
- Secures utilities

Exterior Team:

- Conduct an outside survey of areas not covered by the 1st due
- Provide additional horizontal ventilation
- VES in area not covered by first due (Driver to team-up with OV if roof cut is required)
- Vent roof if required
- Assist with portable ladder placement (Driver)

3rd Due Truck:

Interior Team:

- Assist with primary searches in areas not covered by 1st and 2nd Due Trucks
- Check for fire extension
- Secure utilities
- Stage and act as the “rescue group”

Exterior Team:

- Assist with horizontal or vertical ventilation
- Place additional ground ladders
- Check for fire extension

4th Due Truck:

- Stage and act as the “rescue group.”
- Stage to perform secondary search