

Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District

Standard Operating Procedure

First Unit on Scene

Effective date: May 15, 2014

Objective

Establish uniform procedure for first arriving PCFPD unit to an emergency call.

References

Northern Colorado Incident Organizer

Policy

The most experienced person in the first arriving Poudre Canyon unit to an emergency call will serve as Incident Command until relieved.

Required training

IC 100, IC 200 and IC 700

Procedure

- 1) On Page
 - a) Phone or radio 900 that you are in route to the firehouse if you are more that 5 minutes from a station.
 - b) When you are leaving the firehouse radio 900 that you are in route to the incident and inform them how many fire fighters and or EMTs are on board.
 - c) Remember you may want to mark turns off main roads with flagging for other responding vehicles.
- 2) Arrival, Fire, Wildland
 - a) Announce arrival to 900 and state "Stand By for Size Up"
 - b) Complete the size up narrative on the inside cover of the *Northern Colorado Incident Organizer* (see attachment) and report to 900. The more detail the better ~ you have a lot of folks listening to this report, as you are the eyes on scene.
 - i) If GPS coordinates are not readily available, identify the location as best you can.
 - ii) If the fire is on or close to federal lands, contact Fort Collins Dispatch (Deadman or Buckhorn channel on radio) and give same report as to 900.
 - c) Ask 900 what other units have reported as in route.
 - d) If power lines are involved ask 900 to dispatch REA emergency crew.
 - e) Determine where next arriving units should park or deploy.

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- f) Establish a safety officer
 - g) Request mutual aid if needed (additional tenders, engines)
- 3) Arrival, Fire, Structural
- a) Announce arrival to 900 and state “Stand By for Size Up”
 - b) Describe scene
 - i) Amount of involvement – number of structures, fire through roof, or smoke showing, etc.
 - ii) Proximity to other structures
 - iii) Type of vegetation around structure
 - iv) Potential for spread
 - c) Ask 900 what other units have reported as in route.
 - d) Ask 900 to dispatch REA emergency crew.
 - e) Determine where next arriving units should park and how you want them deployed upon arrival.
 - f) Establish a safety officer.
 - g) Request mutual aid if needed (additional tenders, engines)
- 4) Arrival, MVA
- a) Announce arrival to 900 and state “Stand By for Size Up”
 - b) Briefly describe scene, include:
 - i) Location if different from page
 - ii) Number of vehicles,
 - iii) On road or off,
 - c) Ask 900 what other units have reported as in route.
 - d) Request additional resources including mutual aid, if needed
 - e) Establish scene safety, (see Roadway Safety SOP)
 - f) Determine number and severity of injuries and if victim trapped in vehicle, report to 900.
 - g) Determine where next arriving units should park.
 - h) If vehicle in river, request Dive Team.
- 5) Arrival, Emergency call not on roadway
- a) Announce arrival to 900
 - b) Establish scene safety
 - c) Ask 900 what other units have reported as in route.
 - d) If infrastructure is involved, ask 900 to dispatch appropriate crew:
 - i) Power lines – REA
 - ii) Spill in river – Ft. Collins, Greeley
 - iii) Road damage - CDOT
 - e) Request additional resources including mutual aid, if needed

Attachment

Size Up Narrative, Wildland fire

1. 900 (Fort Collins Dispatch) this is Poudre Canyon Engine #____, on scene at _____ Fire
2. We have about _____ acres burning in (fuel type)
3. The fire is on (level ground, slope, ridge, if slope, state % and aspect)
4. Winds are (speed) out of the (direction)
5. Adjacent fuels include (grass, brush, light timber, heavy timber)
6. Potential for spread is (high, moderate, low)
7. Location of the fire is (GPS coordinates, road name and distance from nearest intersection)
8. Fire is burning on (private, state, federal) land.
9. Cause of the fire is _____ (or unknown).
10. A Fire Investigator *is / is not* needed
11. There *are / are not* structures threatened within ____ yards of the fire.
12. We have ____ units and ____ firefighters on scene or in route, and *can handle / request additional resources*.
13. IC is _____ (use Poudre Canyon ID and/or last name)