



FIELD OPERATIONS GUIDE

HIGHRISE RESPONSE

SAFETY CONCERNS

- Insure the **safety** of **yourself** first, the **team** second, and then that of the **victim**.
- All personnel involved wear proper PPE.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

Arrival

- **SIZE-UP**
 - Announce what you have
 - Visualize all sides
 - Conditions
 - Fire
 - Smoke
 - Occupants
 - Construction
 - Establish Alpha Side
- **TAKE COMMAND**
 - Establish Incident Command
 - Announce location of Command
 - Assign responding units and request additional alarms if necessary
- **VERBALIZE "Highrise Procedures"**

First Alarm Assignments

- **First Engine**
 - Fire Attack
 - Hotel bundle, highrise bag, marriage, red set of keys, 2.5" hose
 - A/O
 - Standpipe/Sprinkler
- **Interior Truck Team**
 - Search
 - Force Entry
 - Entry tools (circ), hook, red set of keys
 - Exterior Truck Team
 - Ventilation/Rescue
 - Bottles to Staging

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- **Second Engine**
 - Officer - Lobby
 - Blue/Green set of keys
- **Third Engine**
 - RIT/Backup
 - Assign as needed

Initial Functions

- **First Truck Team/First Engine Company**
 - Locate and Confine/Extinguish Fire
 - Search and Rescue
 - Forcible Entry
 - Recon
- **First Engine Company – A/O**
 - Standpipe/Sprinkler
 - Water Supply
- **Second Engine Company -- Officer**
 - Lobby
 - Secure elevators and Knox Box – Green elevator/Blue building keys, locate utilities, HVAC
- **Second Engine Company -- Firefighters**
 - RIT/Backup
 - Assigned as needed
- **Second Truck Team**
 - Ventilation (and/or)
 - Exterior rescue

Second Alarm Assignments

- **Report to Assigned Base location**
- **Staging/Stairwell Support**
 - Utilize and inventory items in Lobby to establish staging 1 company
- **All Responding Crews**
 - Must carry tools that mirror those of the first alarm company
- **Base Officer**
 - Assigned by Command
 - Collect Passports
 - Send assigned units (with tools)
- **Division/Group Supervisors**
 - Must remain outside IDLH atmosphere
 - Collect Passports and Maintain accountability

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Tactical Considerations

- **Water**
 - Supply
 - Type of Standpipes/Sprinkler system
 - Number and Size of hoselines
 - Personnel needed to complete task
- **Rescue**
 - Assign stairwell for egress, advise Lobby Control
 - Number and mobility of occupants
 - Evacuation vs. Protect in Place
 - Personnel needed to complete task
- **Ventilation**
 - Locate fire
 - Building plans/layout
 - Stairwell protection victim
 - Evacuation/Fire Attack, advise Lobby Control
 - HVAC status
 - Exposures – 1 – 2 floors above
- **Rehab**
 - Staging or Base
- **Air Supply**
 - Staging or Base
 - Drop spare bottles in Lobby
- **Staging**
 - Within 2 minutes/2 floors below
- **Base**
 - Within 200 feet of building