



# FIELD OPERATIONS GUIDE

## STRUCTURE FIRE

### SAFETY CONCERNS

- o Risk vs. benefit. Is an interior attack worth the risk?
- o RIT or Standby assigned before entry.
- o Assess fire and smoke conditions for backdraft or flashover potential.
- o Identify lightweight construction.
- o Secure gas and electric utilities early on.
- o Request one or more ambulances for potential victims.

### PRIORITY ACTIONS

- o **THINK**
  - What are your problems? Fire, smoke, life safety
  - Announce building size-up to include identification of building construction and hazards related to type.
  - Take command, move to OP's channel.
  - Perform a walk-around as indicated.
  - Call for extra alarms if needed.
- o **PLAN**
  - How will you handle these problems?
    - Attack fire
    - Positive pressure
    - Perform rescue
  - Announce PLAN.
  - Establish RIT or Standby before entry unless immediate life hazard exits.
- o **ACT**
  - Put your plan into operation.
  - Make assignments.



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## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

### OTHER RESOURCES

- o Police for traffic and/or crowd control.
- o PUD for securing electrical services.
- o NW Natural Gas for gas shut down.
- o Red Cross for displaced persons.
- o Fire investigator for cause and determination.
- o Rehab unit
  - Second or greater alarms.
  - Alarms with weather extremes.
- o Air Supply unit for extended operations.