

2023 Low-Rise Response Assignments-Quick Reference Guide

Engine Companies

Engine: 1st Arriving

1. Lay a supply line
2. Do not block ladder company access or placement
3. Provide clear/concise initial report including **Conditions, Actions, Needs**. If arriving before the timely arrival of a command officer, announce mode of command (Announced or Tactical)
4. Advance an attack line to complete the following strategic goals in order: Life Safety; Incident Stabilization; and Property Conservation
5. Connect to building standpipe if initial attack is supplied from that standpipe
6. Announce engine company benchmarks: Positive water supply, water on fire, fire knocked, search negative, PAR

Engine: 2nd Arriving

1. Ensure that the first arriving engine has an effective and uninterrupted water supply
2. Do not block ladder company access or placement
3. Ensure initial attack line is being effectively deployed and advanced
4. Advance a second attack line to best support the initial attack line or as directed by the IC
5. Support fire protection systems. Do not charge systems without IC approval
6. Announce engine company benchmarks: Positive water supply, water on fire, fire knocked, search negative, PAR

Engine: 3rd Arriving

1. Provide initial rapid intervention team (IRIT), reporting to the attack line entry point. The company officer will operate as the initial safety officer
2. Do not block ladder company access or placement
3. Conduct 360-degree survey and report non-ordinary conditions and safety concerns to IC. Include report of basement report (access from the exterior, conditions if seen)
4. Identify location of a safety hoseline and deploy it to a standby position if warranted
5. Without impacting IRIT readiness status, deploy ground ladders and address forcible entry concerns
6. Upon arrival of dedicated RIT company, update the RIT company officer of RIT needs and concerns
7. When dedicated RIT company is in place, the IRIT will provide additional support for the RIT company or be reassigned by the IC

Engine: 4th Arriving

1. Report to Level One staging and prepare to initiate the following tasks when directed by IC:
2. Lay a second supply line
3. Do not block ladder company access or placement
4. Advance 3rd attack line to the opposite side of the building
5. Operate line in coordination with initial attack line
6. Cover interior and/or exterior exposures
7. Announce engine company benchmarks: Positive water supply, water on fire, fire knocked, search negative, PAR

Engine: 5th Arriving

1. Report to Level One staging and prepare to initiate the following tasks when directed by IC:
2. Ensure that the fourth arriving engine has an effective, and uninterrupted water supply
3. Do not block ladder company access or placement
4. Ensure the fourth in engine company's attack line is being effectively deployed and advanced
5. Provide exposure protection in coordination with fourth in engine company and as directed by the IC
6. Ensure that all automatic fire protection systems are supported
7. Announce engine company benchmarks: Positive water supply, water on fire, fire knocked, search negative, PAR

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Ladder Companies

Ladder: 1st Arriving

1. Position on fire front side (usually side A) for deployment of ground ladders and/or aerial device.
Position apparatus for phase of incident (rescue or master streams)
2. Complete forcible entry as needed to support incident
3. Complete search in the priority order of: fire floor, floor above, top floor, remaining floors
4. Ladder building for victim rescue and firefighter access/egress. Provide roof report to IC
5. Conduct ventilation in coordination with the engine companies
6. Announce ladder company benchmarks: Searches complete, roof report, utilities controlled, PAR

Ladder: 2nd Arriving

1. Position on opposite side of the fire (usually side C) for deployment of ground ladders and aerial device.
Position apparatus for phase of incident (rescue or master streams)
2. Complete forcible entry as needed to support incident
3. Conduct ventilation in coordination with engine companies
4. Ladder building for victim rescue and firefighter access/egress. Provide roof report to IC
5. Coordinate with 1st due ladder company in completing search in the priority order of: fire floor, floor above, top floor, remaining floors
6. Control utilities
7. Announce ladder company benchmarks: Searches complete, roof report, utilities controlled, PAR

Staging

Level One Staging

(Primarily used to control companies' flow into incident scene)

1. Companies stage nearby (two blocks if possible) along their route of travel
2. Maintain uncommitted position that does not block access to incident
3. Firefighters remain with apparatus until directed to go in service

Level Two Staging

(Used for staging companies in a centralized location)

1. Report to centralized staging as announced by IC
2. Receive assignments from IC or Staging Group Supervisor

Company Staging (Fireground)

(Used to stage companies at the incident scene for assignments)

1. Companies (personnel) stage at the staging area designated by the IC
2. Company officers keep their members together and in a ready state for deployment
3. Company officers accept assignments from the IC or Staging officer