

CLIO ARE FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPERATING GUIDELINE

TITLE: FIRE FIGHTING - MISCELLANEOUS; GRASS, RUBBISH, TREES, ETC.

REFERENCES: NFPA 1500
CAFD RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND GUIDELINES

THE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF FIRE FIGHTING AT MISCELLANEOUSE FIRES ARE: LIFE SAVING OPERATIONS AND PREVENTION OF FURTHER DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL AND PUBLIC PROPERTY.

SAFETY OF FIRE FIGHTING PERSONNEL SHALL BE A PRIMARY CONCERN FOR ALL OPERATIONS.

APPARATUS

- Initial response shall be: 1 Engine/Pumper or one Grass Truck and 1 Squad Truck.

PERSONNEL

- Initial response should be: A full compliment, based on seating for each apparatus.
- Minimum response shall be: 1 Officer, 1 Driver, 3 Fire Fighters
- If the minimum response is not available, a Second Alarm shall be called.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- All personnel responding to the incident shall wear a complete set of turnout gear. Turnouts shall consist of; Helmet, Hood, Bunker Coat, Bunker Pants, Boots, and Gloves.
- All personnel who are actively involved, or who may become actively involved in the extinguishing of a “rubbish/trash/dumpster type fire” must use a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

TRAINING

- All personnel on the scene shall have completed, as a minimum, the CAFD “Rookie Training”.

INCIDENT COMMAND

- The Incident Command System shall be utilized to the extent warranted by the nature of the incident.

MEMBER ACCOUNTABILITY

- All members will utilize the Department Accountability System as directed.

ATTACK

- A sufficient water supply is to be established whether by connecting to a hydrant system or by setting up a tanker shuttle/portatank operation.
- Pre-connected Booster Lines on Grass Trucks or 1 1/2" hand lines shall be used.
- All fire fighting which is carried out on Grass and/or Brush Fires should be done from within the burned-out area, when possible, to minimize the chance of getting caught by shifting winds.
- "Backpack or vest style water extinguishers" and "Grass Fire Brooms" shall be used as needed. When using a "Grass Fire Broom", sweep the perimeter of the fire into the burned area.
- If the fire has the potential of severe environmental damage, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality shall be notified.

AFTER EXTINGUISHMENT

- The cause and origin of the fire must be determined, if at all possible.
- The occupant or property owner, or their designee, must be notified, and on the scene so that the property can be turned back over to him/her.
- If Arson is indicated, the State Police Fire Marshall or a local law enforcement officer should be requested on scene due to the possible criminal nature of the incident. In the event that neither area available to respond, a "Consent to Search" form should be completed and included in the report.
- A full and complete report must be filed, including, if needed, still pictures and/or video pictures of the incident.
- All Equipment and Apparatus shall be cleaned and inspected before being returned to service.