

CLIO ARE FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPERATING GUIDELINE

TITLE: FIRE FIGHTING - VEHICLE.

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

THE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF FIGHTING VEHICLE 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 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 vehicle fire must use a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and a Personal Alert Safety System (PASS) device.

TRAINING

- Personnel shall be trained in the safe operations of vehicle fire extinguishments before becoming actively involved in an incident of this nature.
- 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 use the Department Accountability 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.
- 1 1/2" hand lines shall be minimum size for Attack Lines.
- Attack should be made from the "corners" of the vehicle to reduce the chance of being injured by exploding shock-absorbing bumpers and sealed axle shafts. Care shall be taken to avoid operating directly in front of, directly in back of, or directly in line with the axles until the fire is sufficiently extinguished to reduce the chance of an explosion.
- Caution shall be used during size-up of fires involving commercial vehicles to establish the possibility of presence of Hazardous Materials before committing manpower and equipment to the incident.

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 the vehicle is on the road right-of-way, and the occupant or owner is not present, the Police Department having jurisdiction shall be notified.
- A towing service will not normally be called except at the request of the occupant or owner, with the understanding that the CAFD is not responsible for any cost associated with the moving of the vehicle.
- 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.