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Derby Fire Department
Standard Operating Procedure Number 07
Rescue Company Operations

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This standard operating procedure applies to apparatus and members responding to Box Alarm assignments. For Rescue Company operations, the intent of this procedure is to provide general guidelines for operating within Department Accountability and Incident Command parameters. Safety for both department members and civilians is of paramount importance and should always be the number one priority.
- 1.2. Through formal agreement with the Derby Fire Department, the Storm Engine Company Ambulance Corps will maintain and manage the Rescue Company, providing the services outlined by this procedure. Members of the Rescue Company, according to this agreement, must be members of both the Derby Fire Department and Storm Engine Company Ambulance Corps. Members must meet all the requirements of Certified Interior Structural Firefighter, have medical training to the minimum of MRT (EMT preferred), and shall have the training and skills necessary to operate specialized rescue equipment.
- 1.3. Due to the vast scope of potential, technical rescue operations, as well as the extensive training requirements to safely and proficiently operate specialized equipment, the Storm Engine Company Ambulance Corps has developed several specific standard operating procedures. This procedure is intended to cover basic Rescue Company operations normally expected to be performed at a Box Alarm of Fire.

2. Response Considerations

- 2.1. The driver of the Rescue should consult the DFD map book prior to responding, or the company officer should review it enroute, to pinpoint the exact building location, to determine cross streets/intersections, and to identify hydrant locations to anticipate the travel route and direction of the first due engine, and thus the ladder truck as well.
- 2.2. If possible, the Rescue should pull well past the building, sizing-up the A, B & D sides of the structure. If units arrive simultaneously, truck & the first-due engine should be allowed to enter the block first. The rescue apparatus should position itself as not to impede additional engine company hose lays.

3. Apparatus Positioning

- 3.1. The Rescue should be positioned in a location to enable effective use of the command center while also facilitating convenient access to tools, equipment, and emergency power supplies.
- 3.2. Upon arrival the driver of the Rescue will activate the GEM Accountability receiver and turn on the mobile radio repeater (unless an active mobile repeater is already in operation). The light tower will be raised and positioned as soon as possible as required for nighttime operations.

4. Operations

- 4.1. Rescue Company personnel will perform on going engine and truck company operations as designated by the IC.
- 4.2. Rescue Company personnel will provide emergency medical care until such time as relieved by the crew of FD-10 or mutual-aid EMS.