

Lake Jericho Fire and Rescue

Standard Operating Guideline

Subject: **Operating at Emergency Incidents**

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I. Purpose:

To establish standard operating procedures for fire protection personnel operating at emergency incidents.

II. Policy:

Personnel safety is the primary concern and responsibility of the Incident Commander at every emergency incident. Strategy and tactics should be developed with firefighter safety as the primary concern. Prior to the initiation of any emergency operations, the Incident Commander should conduct a scene size-up (to include safety considerations).

III. Procedure:

- A. An Incident Command System (to always include a designated Incident Commander) should be in place at all emergency scenes.
- B. Emergency operations will begin only when adequate personnel are on scene to conduct such operations and will be conducted under the direction of the Incident Commander.
- C. Emergency operations will only be conducted by those personnel who have received adequate and appropriate training on conducting such operations.

- D. Personnel performing emergency operations will wear full personnel protective equipment appropriate for the specific operations being conducted.
- E. Personnel performing emergency operations will be aware of and compliant with all standard operating procedures as they relate to the emergency incident.
- F. A Safety Officer will be appointed by the Incident Commander for those incidents where the size and/or complexity of the scene necessitate. A Safety Officer will be appointed at all Hazardous Materials incidents.
- G. All personnel on scene will strive to provide the highest level of service to all patients/victims associated with the emergency.
- H. All questions, complaints and concerns should be brought to the Incident Commander for resolution.
- I. All requests for comments on the cause of the incident or any other details relating to on-scene operations should be brought to the Incident Commander.