

New Durham Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

SOG 300 Engine Company Riding Positions & Duties

PURPOSE: To define engine company standard riding position assignments.

SCOPE: All members responding in an Engine

SPECIFICS:

Four-Person Engine Assignments

1. Driver

- Performs pump operations, including all hookups to the vehicle pump and completion of the water supply evolution
- Provides scene lighting
- Keeps track of logistics (equipment, inventories, etc.).
- Initially establishes accountability.

2. Officer

- Provides incident command
- Accounts for personnel
- Performs radio communications
- Provides backup on the hose line
- Provides tools needed, such as SCBA, portable radio, hand light to hose team.

3. Nozzle man (seat behind officer)

- Serves as attack line nozzle man or carries pressurized water extinguisher
- Wears SCBA

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- Utilizes a hand light and portable radio
- Works with Officer to extinguish fires

4. Water Supply

- Provides hydrant / water supply
- Wears SCBA
- Utilizes a hand light and portable radio and forcible entry tools
- Once water supply is established, feeds the hose line to the attack personnel or initiates stretching a second line as needed.

Six-Person Engine Assignments

1. Driver

- Performs pump operations, including all hookups to the vehicle pump and completion of the water supply evolution
- Provides scene lighting
- Keeps track of logistics (equipment, inventories, etc.).

2. Officer

- Provides incident command
- Accounts for personnel
- Performs radio communications
- Provides backup on the hose line
- Provides tools needed, such as SCBA, portable radio, hand light to hose team.

3. Nozzle man (seat behind officer)

- Serves as attack line nozzle man
- Wears SCBA
- Utilizes a hand light and portable radio
- Works with Officer to extinguish fires

4. Backup (rear seat facing nozzle man)
 - Provides backup on the attack line
 - Wears SCBA
 - Utilizes a hand light and portable radio
 - Provides forcible entry if needed

5. Hose Break (seat behind driver)
 - Breaks supply hose at rear of apparatus and assists driver with supply line hookup
 - Provides immediate ventilation if needed
 - Initiates stretch of backup hose line.

5. Water Supply (left side rear seat)
 - Provides hydrant / water supply
 - Wears SCBA
 - Utilizes a hand light and portable radio
 - Once water supply is established, assists in stretching the backup hose line / throwing ground ladders

6. All personnel must be seated with seat belts in place prior to moving the apparatus
 - The firefighter sitting in the curbside seat is responsible for communicating the crew status to the apparatus Officer, who then confirms with the driver when they will begin to move the vehicle.
 - Once the Driver and the Officer determine the crew is complete, the driver will sound the vehicle twice, signaling that the vehicle is about to move forward. No additional personnel may board the Engine or enter the Engines bay space once the horn sounds, unless directed by the ladder driver.
 - While responding, the officer and the firefighter seated behind the officer should transmit all information between the cabs front and rear sections, unless equipped with headsets.
 - Before exiting the apparatus members should confirm their job assignments.