

New Durham Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

SOG 301 Ladder Company Riding Positions & Duties

PURPOSE: To define ladder company standard riding position assignments.

SCOPE: All members responding on a Ladder

SPECIFICS:

Four – Person Ladder Assignment:

1. Driver
 - Performs aerial operations, including master stream operations.
 - Oversees safety of personnel operating on the ladder
 - Provides scene lighting
 - Keeps track of logistics (equipment, inventories, etc.)
 - Initially establishes accountability
 - Performs laddering of building if applicable
2. Officer
 - Provides incident command
 - Accounts for personnel
 - Performs radio communications
 - Assists crew with ventilation or search and rescue, depending on the situation
 - Utilizes tools needed, such as SCBA, a portable radio, a hand light, forcible entry tools, monitoring equipment, or thermal imager (as needed)
3. Forcible Entry / Irons man (seat behind officer)
 - Provides and utilizes irons (halligan / flat- head axe), K tools or other forcible entry tools as needed
 - Provides search and rescue tool (rope, door chocks, straps) to the crew

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4. Outside Vent Man
- Performs vertical or horizontal ventilation
 - Utilizes tools needed, such as SCBA, a portable radio, a hand light
 - Operates power tools, such as power saws, positive pressure fan.
 - May be required to assist forcible entry as required

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3. Team Member FE-1 (seat behind officer)

- Provides and operates irons (Halligan / flat-head axe)
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4. Team Member FE-2 (FET LEADER)
 - Provides and operates search and rescue tools (rope, door chocks/straps)
 - Utilizes tools needed, such as SCBA, a portable radio, a hand light or a K tool
- Team Member V-1 (Outside Vent)
 - Performs vertical or horizontal ventilation
 - Operates power tools, such as power saws, positive pressure fan
 - May be required to assist forcible entry as required
5. Team Member V-2 (Ventilation Team Leader)
 - Performs vertical or horizontal ventilation
 - Utilizes hook or pike pole
 - Gains access to roof
 - Utilizes tools needed, such as SCBA, a portable radio, a hand light
6. All personnel must be seated prior with seat belts in place prior to moving 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 vehicle is about to move.
 - 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.