

HIGH RISK/LOW FREQUENCY

HUDSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guidelines

GUIDELINE NO: 300.02

SUBJECT: TACTICAL PRIORITIES

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to establish the tactical priorities for the Hudson Fire Department.

RESPONSIBILITY

1. All Chief and Company Officers have the responsibility to comply with and ensure that the personnel under their command are adequately trained, fully understand, and comply with this guideline.
2. All firefighters have the responsibility to learn and follow this guideline.

PROCEDURE

- A. Tactical priorities identify the three separate tactical objectives that must be completed in order to stabilize any incident response--these priorities also establish the order in which these basic incident scene objectives must be performed.
- B. These objectives should be regarded as separate, yet interrelated, activities which must be dealt with in order. Command cannot proceed to the next priority until the current function objective has been completed or sufficient resources have been assigned.
- C. Basic tactical priorities are as follows:
 1. Life Safety
 - a. Life safety of fire personnel and other public safety responders and
 - b. Life safety of civilians
 2. Incident Stabilization - The activities required to stabilize incident scene
 3. Property Preservation - The activities required to stop or reduce primary or secondary damage to property.
- D. All three tactical priorities require somewhat different tactical approaches from a Command and an operational standpoint.
- E. While Command must satisfy the objective of each function in its priority order, Command must, in many cases, overlap and "mix" the activities of each to achieve the current bench mark. E xample: The need to achieve interior tenability with active/extensive fire control efforts before proceeding with primary search, or the need to initiate property conservation activities while active fire control efforts are being extended.
- F. The tactical priorities, (Life Safety, Incident Stabilization and Property Preservation) are clear, measurable, and obtainable objectives. These objectives are considered **complete** when the benchmarks are declared.