

HIGH RISK/LOW FREQUENCY

HUDSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guidelines

GUIDELINE NO: 300.04

**SUBJECT: FIRE OPERATIONS-
FIRE LANE/ALLEY**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to provide operational strategy when a building has exposure to an alley or fire lane.

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.

GUIDELINES

A. Applicable areas

1. Commercial/Business Districts
2. Commercial/Business/Industrial areas where fire lanes provide access around the building

B. An Engine is assigned at the rear of the building

C. Operational Strategies

1. An Engine will enter fire lane/alley and drop large diameter manifold in location determined by fire location and conditions, necessary amount and size of hose and necessary tools.
2. The Engine shall not be parked in the alley. The placement of the Engine depends on the location of the fire or fire building. The list below is not all inclusive, but provides guidance.
 - a. Engine placement at mouth of alley
 - b. Engine placement in road
 - c. Engine at fire hydrant
 - d. Engine in fire lane dependant on collapse zone and location of fire
3. The hydrant on the opposite side block from the first due Engine and Ladder should be used
 - a. The Engine may have to lay from hydrant to large diameter hose connected to manifold.

D. Safety

1. Special attention should be given to power lines and the collapse area in fire lanes/alleys

References - Risk and frequency classification information - <http://firefighterclosecalls.com/sopsog.php>