

**Standard Operating Procedures Manual**  
**City of Poquoson Fire and Rescue**



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**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**

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**ENGINE COMPANY OPERATIONS**

**I. PURPOSE**

To inform Fire Department Personnel of the functions of the engine company.

**II. APPLICABILITY**

To career and volunteer personnel

**III. OBJECTIVE**

To provide a clear outline of duties to be performed by crews assigned to the engine company at the emergency scene. The engine company is the primary unit in the City of Poquoson Fire/Rescue. Consistent use of these guidelines will assure the IC that the initial tasks required to mitigate the particular emergency are put into action immediately upon arrival of the engine company.

**IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES**

The Incident Commander and Company Officers operating at multiple companies and/or multiple agency emergencies shall coordinate and integrate their efforts, tasks, and functions so as to produce **harmonious, effective, and efficient operations.**

Incident Commanders shall endeavor to utilize the various fire companies to their best advantage within the scope of their various standard functions, but may, if the need arises, utilize companies for any function, which may be required.

Fire companies must maintain a level of flexibility, which will ensure their ability to perform the functions of other types of companies (limited to available equipment and apparatus) as the situation demands.

## **V. ENGINE COMPANY DUTIES**

- Provide fire attack using hand lines or master streams
- Confine the emergency incident to the smallest area as safety, resources, conditions, and time will allow
- Provide search and rescue of victims of an emergency incident
- Provide forcible entry
- Provide adequate and efficient water supply in hydrant and non-hydrant areas to hose lines and other apparatus
- Provide emergency medical services to personnel and victims of emergency incidents
- Provide RIT as directed
- Provide vehicle extrication and hazard control as directed on MVA
- Provide assistance to local E.M.S. agencies on medical incidents
- Provide emergency and gross decontamination operations

- Support salvage and overhaul operations
- Support special operations team functions
- Other activities deemed necessary by the Incident Commander