

APPARATUS PLACEMENT

OBJECTIVE

◇ TO PROPERLY POSITION APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT TO UTILIZE THEIR FUNCTIONS TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE.

- ◆ Regard & manage apparatus in the five basic categories
 - ⇒ Responding
 - ⇒ Staged
 - ⇒ Operating
 - ⇒ Parked
 - ⇒ Returning to quarters
- ◆ Make specific assignments to apparatus
- ◆ Utilize level 1 staging for routine operations & level ii for the big one.
- ◆ Form attack teams & structure accountability around these teams
- ◆ First in becomes accountability unit - normally e-1
- ◆ Provide adequate & reliable water supply.
- ◆ Consider offensive / defensive strategies in placement
- ◆ Place rigs in safe positions - use placement to protect personnel
- ◆ Protect apparatus as conditions change
- ◆ Maintain access to the scene
- ◆ Try not to have to move apparatus after positioned - but if necessary do so.

Most places where fires occur were not designated for convenient fire department operations. Therefore, a major IC function is to quickly develop an apparatus placement plan that fits into local fire-area geography. Curbs, cars, fences, walls, goofy building design all complicate and challenge our efforts to quickly approach and access the fire area. Apparatus placement, SOG's, smart decisions by company officers, and overall operational coordination by the IC are the tools required to be in the right place doing the right thing.