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Calling for Resources

A seasoned Incident Commander will order the necessary resources **BEFORE** they are needed. Always take into consideration the time it will take for them to arrive – a 2nd alarm is **ALWAYS** slower to respond and arrive than the initial alarm. Also consider the fact that modern day building construction (materials & contents) requires that we establish safety and accountability systems **EARLY** on the fire ground. Below is a quick reference list of resources that are commonly called for at structure fires. To assist with your resource request, consider the use of the acronym **2U PERS WAR+**, which translates to:

- 2 2nd Alarm: or greater, to the scene or a designated staging area.
- U Utility Companies: Gas, Electric and/or Water.
- P Police (Law Enforcement): for pedestrian and/or traffic control.
- E EMS (Emergency Medical Services): for patient treatment and transportation (BLS/ALS).
- R Rapid Intervention Crew: for fire-fighter safety.
- S Safety Officer: for overall scene safety.
- W Water Supply Officer: for large fire potential or remote area operations.
- A Accountability Officer: for emergency responder accountability.
- R Rehabilitation Officer: to established and organize a rehab group.
- + Includes all other occupancy or incident specific needs, such as Red Cross for displaced occupants; Sand or Salt for roads or sidewalks to absorb fuels or prevent emergency responders & occupants from slipping; Fire Boat or Coast Guard on waterways when needed for fire attack purposes; Office of Emergency Management (OEM) when mitigation exceeds the scope of your department; any other resources not listed.

If this fire evolves into a Haz-Mat *or* Collapse incident, refer to the Operational Guides for “Hazardous Materials Incidents” or “Structural Collapse,” in chapter 10 of Fireground Operational Guides.



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