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## Snapshot Size-Up #129

### Riding Assignments

It doesn't matter if you are in a career department or a volunteer fire department, the objectives are the same. Respond and operate safely and effectively - save life and property - put the fire out! The incorporation of "riding assignments" to a fire department's response can greatly assist in these objectives and enhance your operation.

With "riding assignments", your members know what to do before they even set foot in the rig. The officer can concentrate on his role and what the company's overall role is once they arrive on scene at an incident (e.g. first due engine, first due truck, etc.). With proper training, a company officer will not even need to say much. Everyone would (as everyone should) know their job.

ENGINE		LADDER	
OFF	MAURO	OFF	HARKER
MPO	MCDONALD	LCC	SUTPHIN
NOZ	MEGILL	OV	CARLSON
BU	HENDERSON	ROOF	
DOOR	WILLIAMS	IRONS	MEGILL
CONT	BORGES	CAN	KEPLER

How can you incorporate "riding assignments" in your department?

- Establish an SOP/SOG that is simple and easily understood.
- Explain the benefits of the concept so members can easily "buy in" to the program.
- Train regularly so that everyone knows their job.
- Maintain discipline and avoid freelancing.
- Commit to the program and stick with it. Riding assignments work, but only when members carry out their assignments.

Because the fire department responds to such a variety of requests, you must train on the responsibilities of each riding assignment position for all responses. In creating your department's "riding assignments", be flexible. Have a contingency for the "Routine Response" (fire alarms, CO alarms, water leaks, etc.) and for "Structure Fires". This will allow you to maximize your crew and your capabilities.

Stay Safe!

CHAUFFER	OFFICER
<b>STRUCTURE FIRE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MPO (if engine will not be used, see "Rescue Engine")</li></ul>	<b>STRUCTURE FIRE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boss of interior operations</li><li>• Officers Tool and TIC</li></ul>
<b>RESCUE ENGINE:</b> Goes IF NOT NEEDED at apparatus <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Goes with either inside or outside team, per Officer</li><li>• 24" Halligan, Power Saw and/or Specialty</li><li>• For RIT response, Auxiliary Air System</li></ul>	<b>RESCUE ENGINE:</b> Direct by IC <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boss of Engine crew</li><li>• Officers Tool, TIC, Gas Meter</li></ul>
OUTSIDE TEAM	INSIDE TEAM
<b>NOZZLEMAN / BACK-UP</b>	<b>NOZZLEMAN / BACK-UP</b>
<b>STRUCTURE FIRE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nozzle or Back-up position</li></ul>	<b>STRUCTURE FIRE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nozzle or Back-up position</li></ul>

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