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FIRE CALLS

Initial Response

Any officer first at the scene of a fire is responsible for the following:

1. Confirm location/address of the call.
2. Determine nature of fire and type of structure/area involved.
3. Park squad car at a safe distance from the structure/area, avoiding fire hydrants and getting parked in by fire apparatus.
4. Evacuate the structure/area if safe to do so. Be aware of backdraft potential (i.e. check windows and doors and only open if absolutely necessary).
5. Note areas where victims are/may be trapped and relay this information to Fire Department.
6. Secure the scene. No one is allowed back into the structure/area without permission from fire command.
7. Identify victims, witnesses and suspects. Make note of persons at scene and their behavior.

Secondary Response

Once a primary officer is at the fire scene, all additional officers are responsible for the following:

Traffic Control

Assist the Fire Department as needed to protect firefighters and apparatus.

Crowd Control

Establish perimeter to keep persons at a safe distance.

Investigations

The primary officer and/or investigator is responsible for assisting the Fire Department with interviews, photographs and evidence collection/preservation.

Notification

In cases involving serious loss of property or personal injury, the sergeant or O.I.C. will notify the Chief of Police as soon as practical.

Public Information

Media inquiries should be referred to Fire Department officials. Dispatchers may confirm a fire call and give its location and status.