

Buechel Fire Protection District

Fire-ground Operations

FGO-0001

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Title: **Command Function**

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| Section | Instruction |
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| | <p data-bbox="402 510 732 541">Fire-ground Operations</p> <p data-bbox="402 543 1377 615">The general purpose for a fire-ground operation guideline is to provide for a more efficiently managed emergency scene.</p> <p data-bbox="402 653 678 684">Command Function</p> <p data-bbox="402 686 1317 793">The purpose of this procedure is to designate who is in command of the emergency scene as well as set forth a method of accountability for all members.</p> <ol data-bbox="285 825 1385 1854" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="285 825 1385 932">1. The chain of command designates the responsibility and accountability for all Officers. The command structure pertains to all District duties, whether emergency related or otherwise.<li data-bbox="285 957 1385 1026">2. The first arriving Officer at any emergency is in Command until relieved by a Senior Officer.<li data-bbox="285 1052 1385 1549">3. Within the chain of command, the actual transfer of command will be regulated by the following procedures:<ol data-bbox="428 1157 1385 1549" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="428 1157 1385 1226">a. The arriving senior officer assuming command will communicate with the officer being relieved by radio or preferably face-to-face on arrival.<li data-bbox="428 1228 1385 1549">b. The officer being relieved will brief the officer assuming command indicating the following:<ol data-bbox="477 1325 1214 1549" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="477 1325 1214 1430">1. General situation status<ol data-bbox="500 1360 1149 1430" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="500 1360 1149 1392">A. Fire location, extent, conditions, extension, etc.<li data-bbox="500 1394 948 1430">B. Effectiveness of control efforts.<li data-bbox="477 1455 1214 1491">2. Deployment and assignments of operating companies.<li data-bbox="477 1516 1078 1549">3. Appraisal of needs for additional resources.<li data-bbox="285 1581 1385 1759">4. In cases where the on scene company officer is effectively handling a tactical situation, and is completely aware of the location and function of all operating companies as well as the general status of situations, it may be desirable for that officer to continue as the fire-ground commander. In these cases, the senior officer may assume a supportive role.<li data-bbox="285 1785 1385 1854">5. The officer being relieved will be utilized to the best advantage by the officer assuming command. |