

Buechel Fire Protection District

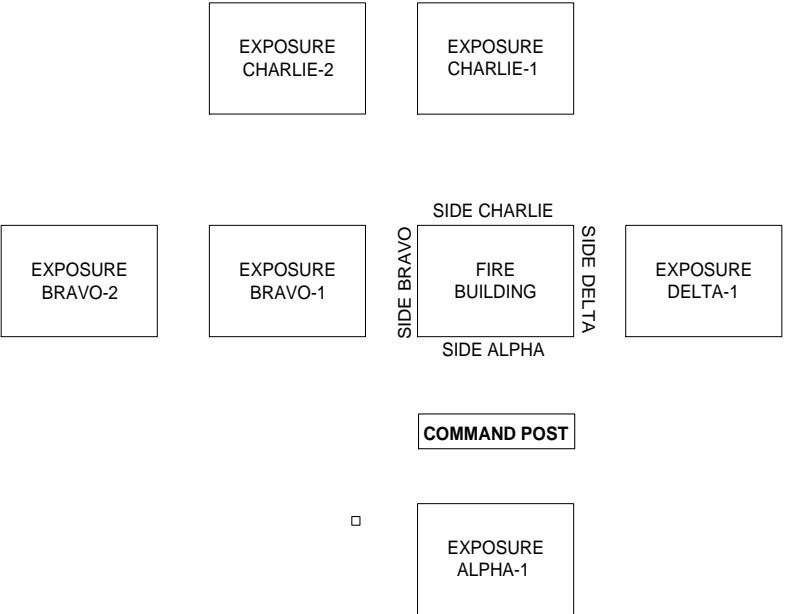
Fire-ground Operations

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Title: Identifying Exterior Exposures

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Section	Instruction
1.	<p>The purpose of this guideline is to establish an Alpha/Numerical system to be used to identify exterior exposures during an incident.</p> <p>Exposure Alpha-1 (side Alpha) will always be listed directly behind the Fire-ground Commander or the established Command post, usually at the front of the Fire building. Exposure Bravo, Charlie and Delta are then designated in a clockwise manner.</p> <p>In this system it is important that, command be established by the first arriving officer, in most cases a formal Command Post will not be set up until the arrival of the first Chief Officer.</p> <p>Normally the Command Post or Fire-ground Commander will be at the front of the fire building. The front is normally the street address side of the building. If located other than the front of the building, the Command Post must be identified for all arriving companies.</p> <p>The system can be expanded as necessary, for large incidents, by expanding the numerical listings. Exposure Bravo-2 would be the second building from the fire building on the Bravo side of the fire building. (see the figure below)</p>  <p>The diagram illustrates the exposure identification system. A central box labeled 'FIRE BUILDING' is surrounded by four sides: 'SIDE ALPHA' at the bottom, 'SIDE BRAVO' on the left, 'SIDE CHARLIE' at the top, and 'SIDE DELTA' on the right. To the left of the fire building are two boxes: 'EXPOSURE BRAVO-1' (closer to the building) and 'EXPOSURE BRAVO-2' (further away). To the right are two boxes: 'EXPOSURE DELTA-1' (closer to the building) and 'EXPOSURE CHARLIE-1' (further away). Above the fire building are two boxes: 'EXPOSURE CHARLIE-2' (closer to the building) and 'EXPOSURE CHARLIE-1' (further away). Below the fire building is a box labeled 'EXPOSURE ALPHA-1' with a small square symbol to its left. Below the diagram is the caption 'Figure - 1'.</p>