

# Buechel Fire Protection District

## Fire-ground Operations

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1.	<p>The scope of this procedure is to inform the truck company members as to what their basic duties consist of. The members of this truck company are to perform all of the following truck company duties when assigned and any other duties that might be assigned by the Officer in charge.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Aerial ladder operations</li><li>2. Aerial ladder pipe operations</li><li>3. Ground ladder operations</li><li>4. Ventilation</li><li>5. Search and rescue</li><li>6. Opening up for engine company operations</li><li>7. Forcible entry</li><li>8. Utilities control</li><li>9. Checking for fire extension</li><li>10. Salvage</li><li>11. Overhaul</li></ol>								
2.	<p>All of the above duties may be performed by the 6 member truck company and will be assigned by the Company Commander or the acting Company Commander after arriving on the scene. The decision to respond the truck company with less than 6 firefighters is left to the discretion of the Company Commander. The Company Commander or acting Company Commander shall report and be responsible to the Fire Ground Commander (Officer in charge).</p>								
3.	<p>The members of the company may be divided, the members are still accountable to the Company Commander, unless the firefighter is directly assigned to another Company Commander or Chief Officer.</p>								
4.	<p>Keep in mind, the overall fire ground operation depends very much on the effectiveness of the truck company operations.</p>								
5.	<p>When the operation of the aerial ladder is required, each member is to complete their pre-assigned tasks whether using the aerial ladder or the aerial ladder pipe. The following diagram shows the six (6) member company positions on the apparatus and the number assigned to each position.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="570 1801 1049 1898"><tbody><tr><td data-bbox="570 1801 857 1850"></td><td data-bbox="857 1801 922 1850">5</td><td data-bbox="922 1801 987 1850">3</td><td data-bbox="987 1801 1049 1850">1</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="570 1850 857 1898"></td><td data-bbox="857 1850 922 1898">6</td><td data-bbox="922 1850 987 1898">4</td><td data-bbox="987 1850 1049 1898">2</td></tr></tbody></table>		5	3	1		6	4	2
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	<p>The assigned duties of each position on the apparatus are outlined.</p> <p><b><u>Aerial Ladder Operations</u></b></p> <p>#1 (<b>Sergeant/Engineer</b>) Places all necessary controls in operation in cab of apparatus to utilize the aerial ladder; proceeds to rear of apparatus to set outrigger pads; after the outrigger pads are placed, the outriggers are extended and apparatus leveled; ladder is then raised and extended to desire position; no one is to climb the ladder until the operator states it is safe to do so.</p> <p>#2 (<b>Company Officer</b>) The Company Officer assists the Engineer in placement of the apparatus; places wheel chocks in the front and rear of the right front tire of apparatus; supervises all company members in the performance of their assigned duties; communicates with the Fire Ground Commander regarding assignments; teams with company member #3 in working from aerial ladder.</p> <p>#3 (<b>Firefighter</b>) Places wheel chocks in the front and rear of the left front tire of apparatus.</p> <p>#4 (<b>Firefighter</b>) This firefighter prepares to climb aerial ladder first (ladder belt, SCBA, appropriate tools &amp; equipment); works with the Company Commander.</p> <p>#5 (<b>Firefighter</b>) This firefighter carries out assignments from the Company Officer.</p> <p>#6 (<b>Firefighter</b>) This firefighter carries out assignments from the Company Officer.</p> <p><b><u>Ladder Pipe Operations</u></b></p> <p>#1 (<b>Sergeant/Engineer</b>) Places all necessary controls in operation in cab of apparatus to utilize aerial ladder; proceeds to rear of apparatus to set outrigger pads; after the outrigger pads are places the outriggers are extended and apparatus leveled; before raising and extending the ladder the operator must wait until the ladder pipe is secured and the excess hose is pulled off of the ladder; ladder is then raised and extended to desired position; no one is to climb the ladder until the operator states it is safe to do so.</p> <p>#2 (<b>Company Officer</b>)</p>

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	<p>The Company Officer assists the Engineer in placement of the apparatus; places wheel chocks in the front and rear of the right front tire of apparatus; supervises all company members in the performance of their assigned duties; communicates with Fire Ground Commander regarding assignments.</p> <p>#3 <b>(Firefighter)</b> Places wheel chocks in the front and rear of the left front tire of apparatus then carries out assignments from the Company Officer.</p> <p>#4 <b>(Firefighter)</b> This firefighter prepares to climb aerial ladder first (ladder belt, SCBA, appropriate tools &amp; equipment); works with the Company Commander.</p> <p>#5 <b>(firefighter)</b> This firefighter carries out assignments from the Company Officer.</p> <p>#6 <b>(firefighter)</b> This firefighter carries out assignments from the Company Officer.</p> <p><b><u>NOTE:</u></b> When you are required to put on a ladder belt, do so before you try to put on your SCBA.</p>