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Standard Operating Guideline 14-01 Tower Ladder Riding Positions and Responsibilities

Purpose: This Guideline is to establish riding positions and responsibilities on the Tower Ladder

Scope: All fire department personnel.

1. The Tower Ladder will have a maximum staffing of 6 people and minimum staffing of 3 people. The minimum staffing level can be lower by approval of the incident commander.
 - a. Riding Position 1 (Driver) Seated Left Front
Duties: Position and operate the apparatus, operate with the Outside Team, provide additional tools off of the apparatus as needed to assist in overhaul operations.
Tool Assignment: Radio and any tool necessary to perform needed tasks.
 - b. Riding Position 2 (Officer) Seated Right Front
Duties: Overall Supervision, Functions with Inside Team.
Tools: Radio, Flashlight, Tic and Officer Tool.
 - c. Riding Position 3 (Forcible Entry) Seated on driver side by window
Duties: Part of the Inside Team, Force Entry, Vent, Enter, search of Interior,
Tools: Radio, Flashlight Irons (eight pound flat head axe and halligan tool), Hydro Ram
 - d. Riding Position 4 (Outside Vent) Seated on officer side by window
Duties: Part of Outside Team, Vent, Enter, search from Exterior, responsible for visual check all sides of building,
Tools: Radio, Flashlight, Six Foot Hook, Pick head ax
 - e. Riding Position 5 (Can) Seated on driver side inside seat
Duties: Part of Inside Team, Vent, enter search of interior.
Tools: Radio, Flashlight, Water Can, 6ft Hook
 - f. Riding Position 6 (Roof) Seated on officer side inside seat
Duties: Part of Outside Team, assist driver with truck set-up, Vent, Entry, Search of Exterior by accessing the roof.
Tools: Radio, Flashlight, 6ft Hook, Rope Bag
2. When the truck is operating with less than 6 firefighters the following is the staffing priorities:
 - a. 5 Man Crew (Driver, Officer, Forcible Entry, Outside Vent, Can)
 - b. 4 Man Crew (Driver, Officer, Forcible Entry, Outside Vent)
 - c. 3 Man Crew (Driver, Officer, Forcible Entry)

3. Firefighters riding the ladder are assigned to 2 teams, Inside and Outside:
 - a. Outside Team (Driver, Outside Vent, Roof)
 - b. Inside Team (Officer, Forcible Entry, Can)

4. During vehicle rescue operations the Officer will direct firefighters to fill necessary assignments as needed. If not assigned the firefighter shall remain with the truck.