

**Standard Operating Procedures Manual**  
**City of Poquoson Fire and Rescue**



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**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**

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**LADDER COMPANY OPERATIONS**

**I. PURPOSE**

To inform Fire Department Personnel of the functions of the ladder company.

**II. APPLICABILITY**

To all career and volunteer personnel

**III. OBJECTIVE**

To provide a clear outline of duties to be performed by crews assigned to the ladder company at the emergency scene. Consistent use of these guidelines will assure the IC that the initial tasks required to mitigate the particular emergency are put into action immediately upon arrival of the ladder company.

**IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES**

The Incident Commander and Company Officers operating at multiple company and/or multiple agency emergencies shall coordinate and integrate their efforts,

tasks, and functions so as to produce **harmonious, effective, and efficient operations.**

Incident Commanders shall endeavor to utilize the various fire companies to their best advantage within the scope of their various standard functions, but may, if the need arises, utilize companies for any function, which may be required.

Fire companies must maintain a level of flexibility, which will ensure their ability to perform the functions of other types of companies (limited to available equipment and apparatus) as the situation demands.

## **V. LADDER COMPANY DUTIES**

- Search and rescue of victims of an emergency incident
- Provide forcible entry and ventilation
- Provide coordinated ventilation with fire attack
- Provide elevated streams
- Operate ladder pipe
- Establish temporary standpipe system with aerial ladder when needed
- Provide on scene lighting
- Check for fire extension
- Provide emergency medical services
- Provide secondary means of egress at fire building, raise aerial and ground ladders

- Provide salvage and overhaul operations
- Perform extrication and hazard control
- Provide emergency and gross decontamination operations
- Provide RIT as directed
- Provide utility control
- Support special operations team functions
- Other activities deemed necessary by the Incident Commander