

Brooklin Fire Department

25 Bay Road
Brooklin, ME 04616

Standard Operating Guidelines Chimney Fires

1. Purpose

The purpose of this SOG is to provide a guideline for the proper extinguishment of a chimney fire.

2. Notification

- A. Hancock County Regional Communications Center (HCRCC) will transmit page
- B. All personnel with communications shall transmit (in Service) on Brooklin primary frequency with
 - i. their unit number
 - ii. whether they are en route to the scene or to the station
- C. The first responding personnel shall notify HCRCC of receipt of page by repeating nature of call, location and also advise whether en route to scene or station and will obtain any other relevant information from dispatch.

3. Response

- A. Engine 3 shall respond first out to all chimney fires
- B. Engine 1 shall respond second out to all chimney fires
- C. Engine 2 shall respond if needed
- D. All responding personnel driving fire apparatus shall adhere to all policies in the Brooklin Fire Department Fleet Safety Program

4. On Scene

- A. First person on scene shall establish command by transmitting unit number (is command) on Brooklin primary frequency
- B. Command shall do initial size up. This size up shall include:
 - i. Visual indicators observed from exterior
 - ii. Placement of apparatus
 - iii. Any safety concerns
 - iv. Any other pertinent information
- C. Command shall transmit this size up on the Brooklin primary frequency
- D. Command shall assign officers and personnel to the following tasks:
 - i. Interior crew - 2 personnel
 - a. Confer with occupants
 - b. Check for heat and possible extension
 - c. Gather information
 - d. Try to avoid tracking into house
 - e. Equipment needed:
 - 1. radio
 - 2. flashlight
 - 3. mirror
 - 4. thermal imaging camera
 - ii. Clean-out crew - 2 personnel
 - a. Locate clean-out

- b. Help with size up of chimney
- c. Await direction from IC
- d. Equipment needed:
 - 1. radio
 - 2. flashlight
 - 3. chimney gloves
 - 4. shovel
 - 5. bucket
 - 6. pressurized water extinguisher
- iii. Roof crew - minimum 2 SCBA personnel
 - a. Ladder roof in appropriate location - up wind of chimney if possible
 - b. Await directions from IC
 - c. Equipment needed:
 - 1. SCBA
 - 2. extension ladder and roof ladder
 - 3. radio
 - 4. flashlight
 - 5. chimney chain
 - 6. bucket
 - 7. dry chemical bags
 - 8. chimney brush
 - 9. chimney gloves
 - 10. pry bar
- iv. Support crew - any available manpower
 - a. Assist IC and other crews with equipment and tasks
 - b. Foot extension ladder
 - c. Equipment needed
 - 1. radio
- E. All personnel shall wear appropriate PPE
- F. All operators shall stay with apparatus if manpower is sufficient to complete other operations
- G. Apparatus operators shall set up scene lighting for ground and roof
- H. Crews and apparatus operators shall be responsible for returning equipment to apparatus and returning apparatus to service
- I. All responding personnel are required to return to the station to:
 - i. conduct a debrief of the incident
 - ii. return all equipment to its proper storage location in working order
 - iii. hose down apparatus if necessary and return to working order

5. Safety

- A. Safety shall be the responsibility of all personnel
- B. Safety concerns include
 - i. power lines
 - ii. roof conditions
 - iii. chimney conditions
 - iv. weather conditions

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