



Edgerton Fire Protection District

Skill Drill #106 - Brush Fire Operations

Objective

Brush fires can easily overwhelm responders if they are not aware of their surroundings. Participants in this training shall demonstrate proficiency in operation of equipment and tactics used at brush fires.

Drill

Introduction in Meeting Room

- Discuss MABAS Card regarding brush fires
- Tactics
- Be aware of crops in fields
- Use seatbelts in all vehicles - including 741
 - Consider walking over rough terrain/high grass to find hidden obstacles
- Role of Safety Officer
- Response order including 75 leaving first if manpower is there for 71.
 - 71, 75, Suburban w/741
 - One member from Suburban will assume command upon arrival on scene unless Office on Call is already responding
 - Consider calling for Ambulance 73 in high heat, extended incidents, etc.
 - 78 can be used for more manpower, SCBA's, and as second fill site
 - 75 would then be used for transporting water (optional)
- Apparatus
 - Discuss the uses for 71 other than for brushfires
 - Filling tenders
 - Landing Zones for Medflight
 - Scene lighting
 - Positioning on scene
- Discuss fill sites
 - Gibbs Lake
 - Good site, but the water tends to have weeds and large particles in it
 - Use as a last resort
 - 5 Hydrant locations at edges of the city
- Discuss the use of SCBA's
 - 1 in 71
 - Call for Engine 78 if more SCBA's are needed.



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Station 1

- Dump the water from 77 into it's portable tank
- Time to fill tank from draft on 71
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- Run pump and all equipment on 71 including winch, and foam nozzles
- Draft out of portable tank and fill tanker-time this evolution

Station 2

- Get jack and wrench for spare tire
- Run pump on 741, use old foam and foam nozzles
- Run Winch
- Drive

Station 3

- Draft with 75
- Use connections on 75 to fill back pack pumps
- Explain use of backpack pumps

Evaluator Talking Points:

- Is there anything that can be done to improve safety?
- What techniques worked the best? Why?
- Is there any additional equipment needed?
- How can we improve our response?