FACEBOOK FORUM
FIVE COMBAT POSITIONS OF COMMAND

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FIVE POSITIONS AND WHY WE DO IT
• Provides for firefighter safety
• Provides accountability for all fire companies operating
• Maintains status of fire and searches

INCIDENT COMMANDER (IC)
• If the first company has arrived before the SC (IC), an informal transfer of command will take place from the company Officer to the SC.
• Depending upon the type or severity of the incident, a higher-ranking command officer may assume the Incident Commander position and reassign the SC.

Radio designation: “COMMAND”

INTERIOR CHIEF
• To be implemented for an offensive mode fire
• The command Interior position assignment is a priority
  o Must be announced on fireground radio channel
  o Assess tactical conditions
  o Further coordinates the fire attack with multiple companies
  o Controls interior communications
  o Accounts for all company operations and companies
  o Assesses risk with the command Safety position
Key Takeaways: Status of fire / Status of searches

PLANS CHIEF

- The Plans position assignment is consistently important for any working emergency incident
  - Sets up the formal Command Post
  - Operates communications as needed
  - Coordinates efforts with all command support services

In addition, when an Operations position is used, it is important to add an Operations Plans position.

Command Board for Plans Chief

The Left Wing

- The top of the board will list all companies due
- All Companies working will be circled and should be found on the main center board
- Un-circled companies are on stand-by at the scene or in staging
- The Command Staff assignment are to the left in the middle of the board and are also circled when working on the scene
- Next to that will be the box and 2nd Alarm assignments. It is best to pre-draw this area, so you will not fall behind when companies are dispatched
- Companies will be circled and un-circled as their assignments change during the incident

The Right Wing

- The top of the board will display all units in REHAB assigned to function as the REHAB team
- Companies sent to REHAB for observation will be listed below the Units assigned
- The middle of the board is to keep track of the progress reports that will be used to inform Dispatch
- The bottom of the board is to display utilities and other functions that have been requested and/or on the scene. This includes the Building Dept, Task Force and Water Dept
Center Ice

• This is where the down and dirty stuff is displayed. Place the letter designation of the Sectors around the side view diagram of the structure.
• What companies are working where, rig positioning, ground ladder placement, company assignments, plans location, and other pertinent information regarding interior and exterior operations.
• The upper Left corner is where the Fire Building information should be placed. Number of stories, type, occupied or vacant, size, and the physical address.
• The upper Right area is for keeping track of the Searches. Primary, Secondary, and Final with the company that performed the search.
• The lower Right in a circled frame is where the RIT Companies are displayed.
• Draw “ladders” to what side they have been raised, and to what story of the building.
• Draw in any information pertaining to utilities that may be important to the call.

The Press Box

• This is where any other pertinent information is recorded.
• Medical Transports, Hazardous Materials on scene, etc.
• Good place to stick the magnetic lights.

Additional Considerations

• Communications Van

• Salvation Army

• Red Cross.

• Rehabilitation Unit

• Chaplaincy and Social Services
RIT CHIEF

Offensive mode fire

- The command RIT Chief shall integrate the OSHA 2-Out personnel with the assigned RIT company
- The RIT Chief will then coordinate and equip the ‘RIT’ team and create IAP’s for potential Mayday incidents immediately

In the event of a “Mayday” incident:
  - The command RIT Chief will take command of the interior or hot zone operations with RIT companies immediately.
  - The exterior RIT command position shall be replaced with a Rescue position immediately.
  - Normally Safety moves to Rescue

OPERATIONS CHIEF

Defensive mode fire

- A command Operations position is not typically assigned unless the incident is escalating to multiple alarms which could also change to a defensive mode operation.
- The Operations position shall typically position in Division A.
- The Operations position shall set up a portable command board and be assigned a command Plans position

SAFETY

- The Safety position assignment is a mandatory position that must be assigned as soon as possible.
- The Safety position should concur with the Incident Safety Officer certification level.
- RIT/Safety