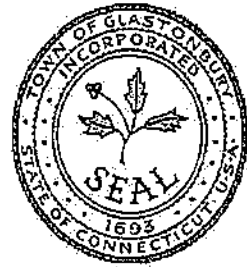




GLASTONBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES



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CATEGORY: EMERGENCY OPERATIONS - GENERAL
SUB-CATEGORY: INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM
SUBJECT: COMMAND RESPONSIBILITIES
RELATED GUIDELINES: FDO-001, FDO-002, FDO-003, FDO-005, FDO-006, FDO-007, FDO-008, FDO-009

Section I – Introduction

A. Objectives

To identify the basic responsibilities associated with establishing the Incident Command System at every incident.

B. Applicability

C. References

Town of Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS General Operating Guideline

Section II – Guideline

The Incident Commander shall address the following eight (8) objectives, not necessarily in order, to achieve the goal of controlling an incident properly.

A. *Assessment of incident priorities:* Incident priorities provide a framework for command decision making. Tactical activity may address more than one incident priority simultaneously.

1. Life Safety (First Priority)
2. Incident Stabilization (Second Priority)
3. Property Conservation (Third Priority)

B. *Perform size-up:* The Incident Commander must perform an initial assessment of the situation, incident potential and resource status. The assessment must address the following three questions.

1. What have I got (Situation)
2. Where is it going (Potential)
3. What can I do to control it (Resources)

- C. *Select Strategic Mode:* A critical decision having impact on the safety of personnel and the effectiveness of tactical operations is the selection of a strategic mode. Operations may be conducted in either an offensive or defensive mode. The decision is based on the following two questions.
1. Is it safe to conduct offensive operations?
 2. Are resource capabilities (present and projected) adequate for offensive operations to control the incident.
- D. *Define Strategic Goals:* Strategic goals define the overall plan that will be used to control the incident. Strategic goals are broad in nature and are achieved by completion of tactical objectives. Strategic goals are focused in the following areas:
1. Protection or removal of exposed persons
 2. Confinement and extinguishment of the fire or control of the hazard
 3. Minimize loss to the involved or exposed property
- E. *Establish Tactical Objectives:* Tactical objectives are the specific operations that must be accomplished to achieve strategic goals. Tactical objectives must be both specific and measurable.
1. Assignment of resources
 2. Nature of tactical activity
 3. Location in which activities must be performed
 4. If the tactical operation must be performed in sequence or coordinated with other functions.
- F. *Implement the action plan.*
- G. *Review, evaluate and revise the plan of attack as needed*
- H. *Return companies to service and terminate command*

Section III- Approval

Fire Chief



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