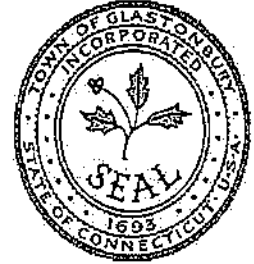




GLASTONBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES



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Section I – Introduction

A. Objective

To identify an accountability system that will be used at hazardous incidents. The purpose is to account for all firefighters at any given time within a small geographical area (*Hazard Zone*). Use of the system will provide enhanced personnel safety for the individual firefighter and will provide the Incident Commander with an approved means of tracking and accounting for all personnel in the hazard zone.

B. Applicability

This guideline applies to members of the Glastonbury Fire Department, as well as mutual aid department(s) while operating in a hazardous situation.

C. References

Town of Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS – General Operating Guideline

Section II – Guideline

The Glastonbury Fire Department will establish, enforce and utilize a firefighter accountability system whenever members are working in a hazard zone (any area which requires SCBA or in which a firefighter is at risk of becoming lost, trapped or injured by the environment of structure) including entering a structure reported to be on fire, operating in close proximity to the structure during exterior operations, confined space or trench rescue, etc.

GENERAL

Accountability involves a personal commitment to work within the safety system at an incident.

Command will always maintain an accurate tracking and awareness of where resources are committed at any incident.

Command will always be responsible for including accountability as a major element in strategy and attack planning. Command must also consider and react to any barriers to an effective accountability.

Crews arriving on scene or formed shall remain intact. Minimum crew size (in hazard area) will be considered two members. A radio, with every crew, is required.

All crews will work for Command, Division or Operations with absolutely no free-lancing allowed.

All crews will go in together, stay together and come out together.

Division Officers (when designated) will always maintain an accurate awareness and tracking of crew assigned to them.

If a radio fails while in a hazard zone the crew will exit unless there is another working radio with the crew.

Section III - Approval

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