



DUMPSTER FIRE RESPONSE

SCOPE

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Stoney Point Fire Department and shall be adhered to by all members.

PURPOSE

To provide procedures for managing dumpster and refuse fire incidents.

DEFINITIONS

Guideline - a general rule, principle, outline of a policy

Member – any career, volunteer, staff, and auxiliary personnel affiliated with the department

Shall - indicates a mandatory requirement

GUIDELINES

Dumpster and other refuse type fires are typically low impact incidents; however, they can quickly escalate into serious incidents. **All personnel shall be in full personal protective gear with self-contained breathing apparatus, breathing air throughout the operation.**

The Incident Commander shall minimize the number of personnel exposed to the dumpster or refuse. A primary search shall be conducted to ensure there are no life hazards. Fire control shall be achieved by use of an adequate attack line(s). If near a structure, check for any extension of the fire and protect the exposure. Following extinguishment perform overhaul operations. Notify the container owner of the fire, so that they can make arrangements to have container removed and emptied.

Be aware of hazardous materials such as gas clouds or colored smoke. If encountered, back away, secure the area and contact Dispatch to alert a Hazardous Materials unit for air monitoring and technical assistance.

REFERENCES

NFPA 1001

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