

**JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1  
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

**SOG 304**

**RUBBISH FIRES/TRASH RECEPTACLE FIRES**

**I. PURPOSE**

A. The District often responds to Rubbish Fires and/or Trash Receptacle Fires. Many of these fires are caused by careless humans, and few are caused by spontaneous combustion. It is the intent of this SOG to outline possible steps that need to be taken to successfully extinguish these types of fires and minimize life and property damage.

**II. SCOPE**

A. These standards apply to all District Personnel.

**III. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY**

A. It will be the responsibility of the Chief and District Line Officers to insure that these guidelines are followed.

**IV. STANDARDS**

- A. Initial attack Company Officer/IC should give appropriate size-up, and determine immediate exposures. Command should also relay if fire is within a closed structure, and if so, the fire should be treated as a structure fire.
- B. After the Company Officer's size-up and initial instructions to incoming units and dispatch, they should order the crew to do the following:
  - 1. Apparatus Operator—stage apparatus in a way that would benefit the safety of the crew, and to facilitate off-loading of hoselines that Command desires.
  - 2. Firefighters shall have full PPE; SCBA as directed by Command.
  - 3. Firefighter #1—To remove at least a 1" hoseline (dependent on size of fire and exposures)
  - 4. Firefighter #2—To assist firefighter #1, and/or secure a water supply.
- C. The Company Officer/IC should ensure the safety of the crew at all times.
- D. In larger incidents Command may enlist the help of heavy equipment from JCFD resource list in the dispatch room at 1701.
- E. After initial knock down the hoseline crew should report back to Command and await mop-up instructions.
- F. If the fire is suspicious care should be given not to disturb the point of origin and mop-up procedures should be directed around the origin.
- G. Command has the final say when to cease mop-up procedures.

H. Command is responsible for filling out the following paperwork:

1. JCFD Incident Sheet
2. Personnel Roster
3. OSFM Form 10

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