# Standard Operating Guideline – Apparatus Positioning

1. The purpose of this guideline is to provide a standard method of apparatus positioning at structure fire incidents.

2. All Unit Officers must LIMIT radio transmissions to critical fire ground information. DO NOT ask for instructions/assignment upon arrival – follow the guidelines below.

3. Unit officers and apparatus operators must take the initiative when positioning. It is essential to use your map book and plan approach accordingly.

4. The IC may modify these assignments as necessary.

| Unit | Position | Responsibility |
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| 1st Engine | Side Alpha with Supply Line<br><br>*Support Suppression System | Establish Side Alpha Water Supply<br>Provide layout instructions, VTAC,<br>On Scene Report, Size up, Rescue, Confine, Attack Fire Floor |
| 2nd Engine | Side Alpha – Ensure/Expand Water Supply for 1st Engine (pump hydrant) | Back-up line for the 1st Engine |
| 3rd Engine | Side Charlie with Supply Line<br><br>*Support Suppression System | Establish Side Charlie or 2nd Water Supply - Provide layout instructions, VTAC<br>Check extension above and below fire |
| 4th Engine | Side Charlie – Ensure/Expand Water Supply for 3rd engine | Crew to Side Alpha (Standby / Safety Crew)<br>Support 3rd Engine as necessary |
| 5th Engine | Position out of the way | Establish manpower pool as needed |
| 1st Truck | Side Alpha for use of aerial | Primary search fire floor<br>Ventilation, Forcible Entry, Establish 2nd means of egress, Lighting as needed. |
| 1st Rescue | Position for optimum use | Primary search floor above fire or secondary if primary search is completed. Utility control, lighting, assist truck as needed |
| 2nd Truck | Side Charlie | Ladder Side Charlie, support units as necessary |
| Ambulance | Position for egress | EMS bag and stretcher to Side Alpha<br>Establish rehab |
| Command | Position Side Alpha | Establish / accept transfer of command from 1st Eng, Size Up, assess initial tactics, establish IAP, ensure accountability |
| Chief Officer | Report to command for assignment in full PPE | As directed by Command |
| Firefighter | POV – report to the manpower staging area in full PPE | As directed by Command |