

Cape Elizabeth Fire Department

Policy & Procedure Manual

Policy: Mulch & Trash Fire Operations

Section: 7.200 Fire Suppression

Policy # 7.211

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DEFINED:

A mulch or trash fire is any fire or smoke condition that occurs in a specific area designed for these materials. Dumpster and/or trash fires that occur in garages or next to a building will be considered a structure fire.

GOALS:

1. Reduce potential for injury and death of emergency response personnel working on the fire ground
2. Prevent spread of and extinguish the fire
3. Secure and limit access to the scene
4. Overhaul & salvage property
5. Determine cause of fire

STANDARD DISPATCH RESPONSE:

Two (2) Engines

STANDARD ADDITIONAL ALARMS RESPONSE:

All Hands: Two (2) Engines, One (1) Rescue, Fire-Police

Additional Alarms: Two (2) Engines

1st ARRIVING OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Scene Size-up & Report back to dispatch
2. Establish Incident Command
3. Establish Safety Zones
4. Resource Deployment
5. Request notification of Utility Services as may be needed
6. Request additional resources as may be needed

1st ARRIVING ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Position Engine approximately 100' away (upwind & up hill) from the fire whenever practical
2. Extinguish fire

2nd ARRIVING ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Locate & stand-by at closest hydrant, be ready to lay supply hose lines and pump from the hydrant whenever practical
2. Prepare to establish a water supply. (Hydrant **should be hooked** for all events for at least training purposes)
3. Await orders from Incident Commander

ADDITIONAL ARRIVING ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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1. Report to staging and await orders from the Incident Commander.

RESCUE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Position unit in a location where it will not be blocked in by hose supply lines whenever practical
2. Assign Officer to Medical Sector and report in person to Incident Commander
3. Activate Mass Casualty Plan if necessary
4. Treat & Transport all injured persons
5. Establish Firefighter Rehabilitation area and perform rehab

FIRE-POLICE UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Meet with Police Officer in charge
2. Assign Officer to Traffic Group as necessary
3. Close all roads to prevent access of unauthorized persons
4. Direct all radio traffic to Traffic Group Officer

ADDITIONAL ALARM APPARATUS:

Units responding on additional alarms may be instructed to report to a designated staging area(s), referred to as Level 2 Staging. If a Level 2 Staging area is not utilized, Command or Fire Alarm will contact units with instructions

1. Report to the Staging Area (Level 2) as designated by Command
2. First arriving unit at the Staging Area, with an officer, will become the Staging Officer
3. The Staging Officer shall make unit assignments as directed by Command to a specific Group/Division Officers
4. The level of reserve units at staging shall be established by Command. The Staging Officer shall communicate with dispatch to maintain the desired apparatus level
5. The staging area should be located in a location out of view of the fire scene and large enough for the scale of the situation

ADDITIONAL ARRIVING PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Personnel that respond directly to the scene will be assigned by the Incident Commander (Manpower Officer) to a company and perform operations as directed. ***No personnel will perform operations without being assigned by the Incident Commander (Manpower Officer) or without a company.***

If the Incident Commander does not declare a Manpower Pool all personnel will respond to the location of the 1st arriving Engine in full personal protective equipment and await orders from the Incident Commander (Manpower Officer).

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STAFF, DIVISION & GROUP OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Traffic Group Officer will direct all road closures and will be the point of contact for all Fire-Police Units.

NOTIFICATIONS:

The Incident Commander should notify the Communications Center of the following events:

1. Initial Size-up on arrival at the fire scene
2. Modified Response Code
3. Additional Alarms
4. Additional specialized Units & Resources
5. Firefighter "MAYDAY"
6. Fire Under Control
7. Fire Extinguished
8. Transfer of Incident Command
9. Recall

RESOLUTION:

The Incident Commander will make an initial determination as to the cause of the fire or will ensure that the State Fire Marshal's Office is contacted. In the event of fires that involve fatalities the Police Department & State Fire Marshal's Office will always be notified.

The Incident Commander is responsible for the completion of all reports related to the incident.

The Staff, Division & Group Officers will forward all related reports to the Incident Commander for the incident report.

All personnel will remain at the fire scene until the Incident Commander releases them and their company. Personnel will return to their Station and ensure that all apparatus & equipment is returned to service.

The Incident Commander will request a recall of the alarm (as indicated) when all units have cleared the scene and been returned to service.