

# Hurricane Fire & Rescue Hurricane, WV

## Operation Guidelines

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Scene Size-up
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**Purpose:** Size-up serves to advise other responding units of the expected situation, and advise Officers and Dispatch of the nature of the incident.

**Scope:** Emergency Personnel

**Responsibility:** It is the responsibility of the first arriving Company to transmit an incident size-up upon arriving on the scene.

In order to initiate the evaluation of any incident, the first arriving Company or unit **will** transmit on the dispatch channel a size-up as soon as possible after arrival. The size-up parameters of various incident types, which should be included in the radio transmission, are listed below. If, upon arrival, an accurate size-up cannot be given, or, if after several minutes on the scene, the situation changes significantly, to mark a significant event, an updated size-up will be given.

### Medical Emergencies:

No size-up is necessary unless multiple patients are involved.

### Vehicle Fires:

Type, contents if known, and size of vehicle and the portion of the vehicle involved. Include any exposure problems.

### Brush and Trash Fires:

Size of fire, type of material, and specific location. Include direction of spread and any exposures.

### Vehicle Accidents:

Number and type of vehicles involved and description of scene. Include road blockage and update with number of patients.

### Structure Fires:

Size and type of structure, smoke conditions (light, showing, or heavy), and fire conditions (small, room and contents, or fully involved). Include any evacuation in progress and/or exposure potential. Also note initial action planned (investigation, or offensive, etc.).

### Automatic Alarms:

Size and type of structure and any noted smoke or fire conditions. Include any observed evacuation or audible alarms or signals.

### Heavy Rescue:

Describe the scene (trench, off-angle, confined, collapse, etc.) and update with the number of patients and the degree of entrapment.

### Aircraft:

Give size and type of aircraft, fire conditions, hazards, evacuation, estimate number of patients, etc.

### Other:

Describe the situation

Any special hazards noted on arrival (Haz-Mats, wires down, structural failure, gas leaks, etc.) should be noted in the size-up. After the initial size-up, the first arriving Company will use Incident Command SOG 601 as a guide for further communication.