

Santa Barbara City Fire Department - Standard Operating Procedures Training Operations	Code: T-III-7
Engine Company Operations	
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I. PURPOSE

- A. To describe the general functions of Engine company operations.
- B. To provide a guideline for IC's to assist them in planning and utilizing resources to the best of their capabilities.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Engine Company Functions:

1. Search, rescue and treatment
2. Stretch hose lines
3. Pump hose lines (utilize water supply to best advantage)
4. Operate nozzles
5. Rescue

B. Companies Assigned Rescue Functions:

1. Calls for ambulances
2. Search, rescue and treatment
3. Companies should communicate commitment and location to Command and maintain a retrievable status for victim treatment.
4. Set up aid station for continuing medical treatment.
5. General fire fighting duties as assigned by Command

C. In Level I Staging situations (See [E-III-2](#) Staging), first Alarm engine companies will automatically perform these functions as required unless ordered by Command; company will advise Command of action they are taking.

D. Company officers will determine, based upon conditions, the priority of the functions (listed) for their company unless otherwise ordered by Command.

E. This does not limit a company to only its listed functions. Every company will be expected to perform all basic functions within the limits of their capability and it will be

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the ongoing responsibility of Command to integrate tasks and functions as required with on-scene units.

F. In the absence (or delay) of Truck/Squad company response, Command should assign ladder functions to an engine company: "Engine 4, perform ladder functions." In such cases, engine companies will perform all ladder functions within the capability of their company. They may use ladders off of additional arriving engines, trucks or squad. (See [T-III-6](#) Truck company operations)

G. The assignment of these basic operations to Engine companies represents a standard fireground plan for tactical operations designed to improve the effectiveness of all units working together. This plan should in no way limit the initiative of any officer and should enhance the decision making process of all officers by establishing a standard operational framework.