

	Hampton-Valley Forge Vol. Fire Dept Standard Operating Guidelines	
	Subject: Engine/Rescue Company Operations & Riding Assignments	SOG # 2-07
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A. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this procedure is to establish assignments for the engine & rescue company on the fire ground.
2. This procedure is to provide the crew of the engine & rescue company, the basic tasking and equipment needed to carry out assignments.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All firefighters confer with the engine or rescue officer for any additional information and/or specific assignments. The portable radio shall go to a senior firefighter. Tasks and tools may be altered due to manning limitations. A request to command for additional manpower might be warranted.
2. The driver/operator can be utilized on exterior assignments provided he/she has the proper turnout gear. (helmet, coat, gloves and adequate foot wear) Examples are; ladders and the placement of same, horizontal ventilation of windows, tool staging and scene lighting)
3. The officer will oversee the engine or rescue crew progress, assist as required and report the same to command. The officer should be the officer in charge of firefighting/rescue operations.
4. Firefighters shall report to the engine or OIC the completion and/or progress of assigned task.

5. The following are general rules for the engine company:
 - a. The layout person will be preferably a probationary member or the newest member riding the apparatus.
 - b. Firefighters will exit engine with caution. - **WATCH FOR TRAFFIC** –
 - c. The remaining firefighters will stay on the apparatus and wait for instructions from the officer.
 - d. All firefighters not wearing SCBA equipped with automatic pass devices will turn their “PASS” alerting devices on before they breath air.
 - e. When instructions are received from the officer, the crew should exit the crew cab from the right side if possible.
 - f. For first due structure fires, **all firefighters will mask up.**
 - g. For all automobile fires, **at least two firefighters will mask up.**
 - h. For mutual aid structure fires, **all firefighters will mask up.**

