

FIRE SCENE SIZE-UP CHECKLIST



Confirm the Address

Verify the exact location of the fire to ensure that all responding units are heading to the correct building. This step is crucial for accurate navigation and coordination.

Describe the Number of Floors

Assess and report the number of floors in the building. This information helps determine the scale of the response needed and how to effectively deploy resources.

Occupancy

Identify the type of occupancy—whether it's a residential house, commercial building, or another type of structure. Understanding the occupancy helps in planning for potential hazards and required firefighting tactics.

Conditions Found

Evaluate and describe the current conditions at the scene, including the extent of fire involvement, smoke levels, and structural damage. This assessment guides the tactical approach and prioritization of tasks.

Water Supply

Check and report on the availability and location of water sources, such as hydrants. Ensuring a reliable water supply is essential for effective fire suppression.

Mode of Attack

Decide and communicate the mode of attack based on the fire's conditions and building layout. This could include offensive tactics like direct fire suppression or defensive strategies if the fire is too advanced.

Establish Command

Appoint an incident commander to oversee operations and coordinate all responding units. Establishing clear command ensures organized efforts and effective management of the fire scene.