

Fireground Generic Feedback 2015

Good Points

- Appliance position not directly in line of any potential "blast zones" but not too far from building
- Where drivers do not don full PPE immediately, donning helmet and gloves as a minimum is deemed as good practice
- Awaiting IC's decision on where to site appliance
- Covering BA team with jet as they carry out door entry
- Two covering jets to cover all affected parts of building with additional safety jet should a later team need to be deployed to rescue BA team
- Both sides of incident made safe from the public (cordons)
- If crews are working above the ground floor, secondary means of escape provided, e.g. ladder to first/second floor
- Hose lines tidy, not twisted or kinked
- Hydrant area made safe following augmentation of supply (cone/lid placed over pit), key put back in bar
- Cooling loop set up to avoid pump overheating when pumping against closed deliveries
- Lockers and doors closed when not being used
- Twinned supply allows for incident escalation with suitable water supplies already available

Learning Points

- Drivers arriving dressed in full PPE, it is unsafe practice to drive in fire boots
- PPE not worn correctly, i.e. not done up
- Siting appliance downwind, in the smoke
- Locker trays left out/open
- Ensure that the branch is attached and couplings done up prior to turning water back on to an extended hose reel
- Too much pressure on hose reel - 45 bars
- BA maintenance area too close to ECB, with sets not prepared, no drinking or cold hand cooling water
- First aid point too close to either BA maintenance area or ECB creating confusion and crowding

- Trauma kit not prepared and turned on
- Information passed from paramedic to pump operator not passed to IC (fatality of casualty etc.)
- Would an Incident Command pack be one of the first considerations at a single pump incident? – prioritise actions
- Be aware that when taking water for hand cooling from the pump, it can be warm
- BA or first aid area near appliance exhaust
- Consider overflowing tanks and wasted water/flooded incident ground
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