HIGH RISE FIRES (Buildings over 75'/ 5 Stories)

SIZE-UP

- Unit Designation / On Scene / Crew Strength
- Address, corrected if necessary
- Building, type of occupancy / Size / # of floors
- Conditions
  - Nothing showing (indicates investigating)
  - Smoke showing (amount / location)
  - Fire showing (amount / location)
- Mode of command (only one):
  - Investigative Mode
  - Attack Mode
  - Command Mode
- Actions taken
- Special conditions / instructions
- Request additional resources (working fire, additional alarms, APD, etc.)

FIRST ARRIVING COMPANY

- Gain entry to Fire Control Room and obtain master keys
- Check panels for fire / smoke location
- Obtain information from building engineer / security
- Initiate crew accountability
- Identify appropriate stairwell for ascent
- Pass Command to second arriving Officer with the following information:
  - Annunciator Panel information
  - Elevator status
  - Route of ascent, stairwell location and identification
  - Identify civilian decent stairwell
- Initiate action
- Periodically check condition of floors during ascent
- Check conditions of the fire floor and the floor above / below the fire floor
- Report information to Incident Commander
- Initiate rescue and fire attack

SECOND-IN COMPANY

- Establish Command Post in safe location
- Determine adequacy of resources and transmit follow-up report
- Establish Lobby Control
- Designate Lobby Control Manager
- Maintain control of building systems (fire water supply, elevators, HVAC, communications, etc..)
- Request, check in, and assign resources as required:
  - **Attack** / **Lobby** / **Staging** / **Base**
- Support the investigation, rescue and fire attack as requested
- Maintain resource status records

THIRD-IN COMPANY

- FAE support FDC / Sprinkler Systems
- All Fire Department Connection inlets should be connected and charged as ordered by IC
- Balance of crew to ICP after completing water supply
- Consider Staging Manager

FOURTH-IN COMPANY

- Establish Incident Base
  (Min. 200 Ft. away from building)
- Designate a Base Manager (Engineer)
  - Establish communications with IC
  - Check in arriving apparatus and personnel
  - Establish equipment pool
  - Maintain resource status records

ADDITIONAL COMPANIES

- RIC or RIC Group
- Reinforce fire attack and provide for Rehab/relief
- Initiate ground support
- Provide for ICS overhead positions

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LOBBY CONTROL

- Establish entry / exit control at all building access points
- Control elevators and provide operators if approved by the IC
- Maintain personnel accountability

STAGING

- Minimum (2) floors below fire floor
- Coordinate with RIC Group
- Personnel & equipment staging
- Establish Medical Group / Branch
  - Rehab
- Maintain personnel accountability

INCIDENT BASE

- Establish base out of debris zone (Minimum 200 feet away from building)
- Park apparatus diagonally
- Check in apparatus
- Advise IC / Ops on available companies
- Assemble crews & equipment
- Medical Unit

OPERATIONS

- Minimum(1) floor below fire floor

GROUND SUPPORT

- Transport of personnel & equipment from Base to staging via stairwell or elevators
- Establish a traffic plan
- Maintenance of equipment
- Stockpile / replenish equipment & supplies (air bottles)
- Maintain personnel accountability

SYSTEMS

- Coordinate system operations with Bldg. Engineer
- Evaluate and control the effectiveness of HVAC, fire pumps, utilities, communications systems

HIGH RISE FIRE DISCLAIMER

- High Rise Fires are very dynamic. ALS Base is an overall incident guideline.
- Alterations to the order of operations outlined by the OC Annex will likely be necessary in the event of working high rise fire
- Bolserting the quantity of firefighters on the fire floor will likely be required VERY EARLY in the incident to facilitate evacuation and fire attack
- See FIRESCOPE FOG Manual Chapter 20 for further High Rise Fire information
- The use of a Rapid Ascent Team (RAT) can be very useful to set up upper floor civilian evacuation first responder ingress. The RAT can also be extremely useful for the IC as a resource for Recon.
- Communications: Consider monitoring 13B if communications on repeated channels are difficult