

	<b>UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY INC.</b> <b>Best Operating Guidelines</b>	
	<b>Subject: Interior Operations</b>	<b>BOG Series Operations</b>
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The Incident Commander shall appoint an Operations Officer, who shall have the responsibility of maintaining communications with those members working inside the structure to assure their safety. Such communication may be voice, radio or visual.

A mutual aid RIT Team (FAST) shall be dispatched to the scene when requested by the Incident Commander or when a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm assignment is requested.

Members working inside the structure shall work in a supporting team of at least two. These individuals shall maintain close contact with each other such that if one individual suffers some difficulty the other will immediately aware and be able to render assistance. The contact between the individuals cannot be by radio alone, it can only be by voice, visual or touch and supplemented by radio.

A 1 ¾ inch hand line will be used on initial attack. This hose line will be staffed with a minimum of two (2) firefighters. A secondary handline of equal or larger size will be deployed, with a minimum of two firefighters. Lines will be charged and operational prior to entering the structure.

Deployment of 2 ½ inch handlines should be considered when large volumes of fire are encountered or when operations are in defensive mode.

Do not direct hose streams into ventilation holes unless to protect a firefighter in trouble.

Interior Firefighters will seek rehabilitation, after the use of 2 SCBA bottles (see rehab policy).

When using equipment such as lights, fans, etc, the homeowner's electricity should not be used under any conditions. Power cords and external power should be run into the structure from apparatus with portable power sources, i.e. Generators.