

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
CHAPTER 2: SUGGESTED OPERATING GUIDELINES

Part 9: Tactical Checklist

Subject: Brush Fire

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- 4.01 Goal. To provide a guideline for decision making in response to brush fires.
- 4.02 Checklist. A copy of the checklist is shown on the next page.
- A) The checklist is a starting point for making decisions in response to brush fires.
- 4.03 Ten Standard Firefighting orders - Brush.

Keep informed on fire/weather conditions and forecasts.

Know what fire is doing at all times.

Base all actions on current and expected fire behavior.

Have escape routes for everyone and make them known.

Post a lookout when there is a possible danger.

Be alert, keep calm, think clearly, act decisively.

Maintain communications with your crew, your I.C. and adjoining crews.

Give clear instructions and be sure they are understood.

Maintain control of your personnel at all times.

Fight fires aggressively, but provide safety first.

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BRUSH FIRE TACTICAL CHECKLIST

During Response

Check map book - access, water supply, exposures
Use tactical worksheet
Consider upgrading assignment
Consider weather conditions

Upon Arrival

Give On-Scene Report - take command

Report Command Post Location

Determine Likely Direction of Spread/Extent of Fire

Develop Plan

Determine Resources Needed
 -upgrading assignments
 -additional brush trucks, tenders
 -DNR Aircraft (for observation)
 -DNR Heavy Equipment

Initial Action

Make Initial Assignments - state objectives

Assign Divisions/Groups Early

Establish Cut-Off Points

Additional Action

Personnel Safety
 -closely monitor condition of firefighters
 -early REHAB

Update Plan