


Title:	Outdoor Fires			
Section:	400 Fire Operations			
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A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to provide a standard method for handling small outdoor fires of various types.

B. SCOPE

This topic is limited to small outdoor fires, generally considered nuisance fires, including fires in dumpsters, brush piles, and leaf fires.

C. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

There are no special terms or definitions for this section.

D. GUIDELINE

- 1) Full protective clothing shall be worn at these fire scenes.
- 2) It is usually not necessary to secure a source of water supply for an outdoor fire. If a structure is involved or threatened, a water supply shall be established.
- 3) Dumpster Fires.
 - a) Full protective clothing and SCBA shall be worn at dumpster fires.
 - b) Approach dumpster and trash fires with the knowledge that they may contain a variety of harmful materials including aerosols, flammables, toxic materials, etc., and protect firefighters accordingly. An upwind approach is preferred.
 - c) The preferred method of extinguishing dumpster fires is to flood the container. Avoid entering the dumpster with any portion of your body.
 - d) If a limited water supply and/or water leakage from the dumpster renders the preferred method impractical, use small diameter hose lines while probing with a ceiling hook to extinguish.
 - f) Notify owner of dumpster company and/or property owner of fire and actions taken.

4) Brush and Leaf Pile Fires.

a) If the fire is within reach of pre-connected hose lines, use these lines to control and extinguish fire. Otherwise, a combination attack using water extinguishers and fiber brooms to control the fire is generally most effective.

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