

SUBJECT: TACTICAL PRIORITIES**SECTION:** 301.03**REVISED:** DECEMBER 12, 2003**PAGE(S):** 1

PURPOSE

- A. Tactical priorities identify the three separate tactical objectives that must be completed in order to stabilize any fire situation--these priorities also establish the order in which these basic fireground objectives must be performed.
- B. These objectives should be regarded as separate, yet interrelated, activities which must be dealt with in order. Command cannot proceed to the next priority until the current function objective has been completed or sufficient resources have been assigned.

POLICY

- A. While Command must satisfy the objective of each function in its priority order, Command must, in many cases, overlap and "mix" the activities of each to achieve the current bench mark. Notable examples are the frequent need to achieve interior tenability with active/extensive fire control efforts before proceeding with primary search, or the need to initiate property conservation activities while active fire control efforts are being extended.
- B. The tactical priorities, (Rescue, Fire Control, and Property Conservation) are clear, measurable, and obtainable objectives. These objectives are considered **complete** when the benchmarks are declared.

PROCEDURE

- A. Basic tactical priorities are as follows:
 - 1. Rescue= the activities required to protect occupants, remove those who are threatened and to treat the injured.
 - 2. Fire Control= the activities required to stop the forward progress of the fire and to bring the fire under control.
 - 3. Property Conservation= the activities required to stop or reduce primary or secondary damage to property.
- B. The objectives of each priority are reflected in the following bench marks of completion:
 - 1. Rescue - primary search (all clear)
 - 2. Fire Control - under control
 - 3. Property Conservation - loss stopped

All three tactical priorities require somewhat different tactical approaches from a Command and an operational standpoint.