

## 2017-210 Scene Benchmarks



# Westbrook Fire & Rescue Department

## Standard Operating Procedure

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### Purpose:

To clarify which benchmarks the Westbrook Fire & Rescue Department will utilize at emergency scenes.

### Scope:

To provide guidelines to track beginning and completion of job tasks as well as specific functions at the scene of fire and medical incidents.

### Policy:

The following scene benchmarks will be utilized by the incident commander and will be communicated to the emergency dispatch center for recording in the incident log.

#### **A. Structure Fire Incidents**

- a. Primary Search Complete:** Search crews have confirmed to the Incident Commander that their assigned task has been completed.
- b. Secondary Search Complete:** Secondary search crews have confirmed to the incident commander that their assigned task has been completed.
- c. Under Control:** Remaining fire poses no further threat of spreading to adjacent areas.
- d. Loss Stopped:** All possible sources of re-ignition have been suppressed and or eliminated and the Incident Commander is confident that rekindle is unlikely.
- e. Utilities Controlled:** The Incident Commander will notify dispatch when the utilities have been secured to the building.
- f. Personnel Accountability Report (PAR):** PAR will be conducted at any "All Hands" or greater incident at 15 minute intervals or sooner should conditions warrant it. The Incident Commander will be responsible for conducting the PAR. Any change in operational mode, collapse or MAYDAY event will warrant a PAR to be conducted.
- g. Positive Pressure Ventilation:** The Incident Commander will notify dispatch to announce the use of a positive pressure fan.

**h. Secondary Means of Egress:** Fire crews shall notify command any time a secondary means of egress has been established. Command will relay this information to dispatch.

**B. Motor Vehicle Extractions**

- a. Working Extrication:** The Incident Commander shall notify dispatch of the need for "mechanical" extrication. Once a "Working Extrication" has been called the Incident Commander may request additional staff or equipment.
- b. Start and Finish of patient extrication:** The Incident Commander will notify dispatch once extrication has started and each time a patient has been removed from a vehicle.
- c. Extrication Complete:** The Incident Commander will notify dispatch once all mechanical extrication is complete and units are in-service.