TOLEDO FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

C-64 Lumberyard Fires

Emergency Manual

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Policy/Procedure

1. The first unit on scene shall establish Command and give a condition report including extent of fire.

2. As lumberyard fires typically spread rapidly, Command shall consider additional equipment, manpower, and water supply early in the fire.

3. Fire personnel shall lay supply lines as needed. Initial fire streams from 2 ½" or larger hoselines shall be initially placed on the leeward (down wind) side of the fire to prevent fire spread.

- **NOTE:** It is understood that this may be a punishing position to operate from; however, it is usually the best tactical position on the fireground. Fire personnel operating from such a position shall identify escape routes in advance and be prepared to utilize those routes at any time. Fire personnel shall not operate from positions of entrapment.

4. If possible, the initial attack shall be made on exposed piles of lumber and buildings that are threatened. Later arriving companies shall attack the main body of fire.

- **NOTE:** It is important to get ahead of the fire, especially if the wind is a factor.

5. Command shall request the response of additional units to patrol the area for spot fires.

- **NOTE:** These fires can produce flying brands and sparks that can start fires a considerable distance away.

6. During overhaul, crews shall be mindful of the potential collapse of piles of lumber. Bulldozers or end-loaders will be helpful in turning over piles that need to be fully extinguished.

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