APPARATUS POSITIONING

3.5 Hours
Apparatus Placement

Positioning Apparatus of the fireground.

- Where you park your apparatus makes a huge difference on how operations can proceed.
- Each type of apparatus must be positioned according to its purpose and overall strategic objectives.
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And Don’t Forget About…

Collapse, Other Incoming Units, Blocking road with LDH, Safety - 3 sided view, Other unit positioning.
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Positioning the Pumper for fire attack
- Starts with Size-Up
- Follow department SOP’s

“Nothing Showing”
This mode of operation allows for the D/O to park the apparatus closer to the occupancy, generally near the main entrance. The D/O has less concern for radiant heat and building collapse.
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“Smoke Showing”

- Look for the best tactical position.
  - Avoid collapse zone
  - If possible, Park to allow other units access
- Follow SOP’s
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Tactical Considerations
- Approach
- Rescue
- Water Supply
- Method of Attack
- Exposures
- Terrain
- Relocation potential
- Collapse Zone
- Hazards
Approach

• What is the best route?
• What is the best access?
• Where are my hydrants?
• Am I blocking other apparatus?
When approaching a structure, the general accepted guideline is for the first due pumper to pull past the structure for a 3 sided view.
Rescue

Rescue is the first tactical priority at any fire incident. If rescue is a possibility, place the apparatus in order to facilitate timely deployment of crews and equipment.
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Water Supply

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Water Supply
- Narrow Access
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Method Of Attack

- Handlines
- Master Stream
- Blitz Attack

A quick survey of the scene and fire load will be critical in your apparatus placement.