



## MUKWONAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

### OPERATING PROCEDURES

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| Investigation |             | Approved by: Chief Jeffrey R. Stien |                         |
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**PURPOSE:** To establish procedures for maximizing fire fighter and EMS personnel safety when responding and dealing with investigation calls.

**SCOPE:** This procedure is to be followed by all officers and members of this department. Authority to deviate from this procedure rests with the Chief of the Department who will be responsible for the results of any deviation.

- A. Investigations will be responded to by the on-call duty company. Investigations will be any type of fire alarm, with no live fire reported, carbon monoxide alarms, and any type of odor calls (smoke or gas).
- B. Crew make-up for an investigation will be a minimum of an officer or senior firefighter, a tool firefighter and a nozzle firefighter. Additional staff can be added to the crews at the direction of the vehicle officer.
  - a) The officer will have the following equipment: SCBA, radio, flashlight, thermal imaging camera, 4 gas detector, Knox Box key, and a tool.
  - b) The tool firefighter will have the following equipment: SCBA, axe and halligan, radio and door wedges.
  - c) The nozzle firefighter will have the following equipment: SCBA, extinguisher, radio and a tool.
  - d) The driver operator will have the following equipment: ANSI Traffic Vest, portable radio and command board.
  - e) **\*\*The officer in charge will determine whether the crew should be on air for the investigation.**

C. When entering a building during an investigation, the crew officer will advise OIC or the MPO of the vehicle the PAR of the crew, air status, left or right handed search, and the location of entry.

D. Bench marks:

- ALL CLEAR-means you have checked the whole building and have not found any occupants or problems in the building.
- UNDER CONTROL-used when a problem has been identified and the crew has managed the situation.
- LOSS STOP-used when no further damage to the property will be made or lost from the incident.

Bench marks will be given by the investigation crew.

Each bench mark should be addressed with a PAR of the crew and air status.

E. Change in floors needs to be advised to OIC. Floors will be called divisions (example: basement division, Division 1-1<sup>st</sup> floor, Division 2-2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Attic division, Roof division, etc.)

F. Releasing equipment/personnel from incident/station rest solely with the OIC.