



MUKWONAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPERATING PROCEDURES

Wildland Fires		Approved by: Chief Jeffrey R. Stien	
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Grass and Brush Fires

Purpose: The purpose of this guideline is to establish procedures for maximizing firefighter safety when dealing with grass or brush fires.

Scope: This guideline is to be followed by all officers and members of this department. Authority to deviate from this procedure rests with the officer in charge of the incident who will be responsible for the results of any deviations.

A. Response

- I. Apparatus shall respond in this order:
 - a. Grass truck
 - b. ATV/UTV
 - c. Engine
 - d. Tender
 - e. Ambulance
- II. All other units shall remain at their respective stations until requested to respond by the officer in charge.

B. On Scene

- I. The first in officer shall complete size-up and determine if other units are needed.
- II. All apparatus are to respond in a manner that is safe and according to vehicle operations procedures.
- III. All apparatus, with the exception of grass trucks and ATV/UTV's are to be kept on the roads and in driveways.
- IV. Operations

- a. Full protective clothing, wildland or structural, including helmet with eye protection shall be worn at all times by the ATV/UTV crew. During mop up operations, the coat may be removed under the direction of the officer in charge Fire Chief or designee. Personnel must monitor themselves to make sure they do not overheat or overexert themselves.
 - b. ATV/UTV shall be stored so that the unit can be driven off the trailer in a forward motion.
 - c. ATV/UTV shall be stored with the water tank filled during grass fire season.
 - d. ATV/UTV shall be operated with a minimum of two personnel and no more than three personnel. Operator will have a minimum of Firefighter I and be signed off to operate the ATV/UTV. Any personnel not riding in the ATV/UTV will be alongside the apparatus- NEVER in front or behind.
 - e. Headlights will be on for all operations.
 - f. All personnel will have communications with each other either by radio or voice and sight. The ATV/UTV operator will have capabilities of radio communications while in operations.
 - g. ATV/UTV may be driven on a minimum of 4 inches of ice if directed by the Fire Chief or designee.
 - h. Any personnel engaged in hand firefighting for more than 30 minutes, should report to rehab before leaving the scene.
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