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Post Incident Review/Critique

1 Purpose:

Post Incident Review/Critique (PIR/C) is the reconstruction of an incident to assess the chain of events that took place, the methods used to control the incident, and how the actions of emergency personnel contributed to the eventual outcome. The main purpose of the PIR/C is to reinforce personnel actions and departmental procedures that are efficient and to encourage insight into how department effectiveness can be improved.

2 Scope:

To provide a means of objectively analyzing fire department operations in a post emergency environment via a continuing review and development process to identify other needs such as equipment needs, staffing deficiencies and areas of training. The information collected may be useful for justifying funding in future budgeting processes. All companies and their personnel should be invited to attend and participate.

3 Prerequisites:

N/A

4 Responsibilities:

The Incident Commander is responsible for initiation of the formal review process following every major incident, significant structural fire or when directed to do so by the Board of Fire Commissioners. The primary fire company's Chief is responsible for either serving as review chairperson, or delegating another officer or qualified member to serve in that capacity at all PIR/Cs. PIR/C should take place within two weeks of the incident.

5 Procedure:

PIR/C should include but are not limited to the following:

Date and time of incident
Weather conditions

Overview and review of the location of the incident
Construction of building, occupancy
Available water supply and any fire protection features (sprinklers, alarms etc.)
Conditions upon arrival
Initial size up and tactical considerations
Command strategies
Tactical re-evaluations or changes to strategies
Obstacles presented (real or potential)
Number of firefighters and apparatus initially and throughout incident
Assignments or tasks given to companies, units and individuals
Operations officer(s)
Sector officers
Safety officer
Staging officer
Accountability officer
Mutual aid companies that responded
RIC assignment
Final outcome of the incident

Discussion points:

What worked?
What didn't work?
Lessons learned
Communications
Injuries/How to prevent
Equipment needs or failures
Training needs
Areas in need of improvement

When possible and or appropriate, the use of maps, video, audio recordings and pictures should be utilized.

After Action Reviews – Involves a discussion of the events that transpired during an emergency incident.

- This review is encouraged and can be utilized at the company level after any type of an alarm to which the involved companies may have responded
- Personnel involved in the incident meet together upon the completion of an incident and informally discuss the various aspects of the incident
- A Line Officer should serve as the leader of the informal review
- Training suggestions relating to the incident should be brought up during the discussion
- The review emphasis must be on overall operational improvement and should not be designed to embarrass anyone