

# JOINT RESPONSE AGREEMENT

## MODEL STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

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**STRUCTURAL FIRE ATTACK**  
**Tactical Priorities/General**

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This guideline identifies the three separate tactical functions that should be completed in order to stabilize any fire situation.

These functions should be regarded as separate, yet inter-related, activities, which should be dealt with in order. The Incident Commander should not proceed to the next priority until the first tactical priority has been completed or a plan has been developed. However, in many cases the Incident Commander can overlap and mix the activities of each priority to achieve the goal of mitigating the incident. While managing these activities, the Incident Commander is expected to operate within the guidelines of a structured risk management plan. The three guiding principles in developing a structured risk management plan are:

**WE MAY RISK OUR LIVES A LOT TO PROTECT SAVABLE LIVES.**

**WE MAY RISK OUR LIVES A LITTLE TO PROTECT SAVABLE PROPERTY.**

**WE WILL NOT RISK OUR LIVES AT ALL TO SAVE WHAT IS ALREADY LOST.**

### **BASIC TACTICAL PRIORITIES:**

#### **❖ Rescue:**

The activities required to protect or remove endangered occupants whose safety is threatened and to treat the injured. It is the responsibility of the fire department to search the building for victims and not rely completely on reports from civilians. Buildings should be searched for trapped occupants and, when completed, should be reported as:

**Primary "All Clear":** The building has been searched by the initial attack company(s) and no victims were found.

**Secondary "All Clear"**: The building has been searched thoroughly after a primary search and preferably not by the Primary Search Company.

❖ **Fire Control:**

The activities required to stop the forward progress of the fire and to bring the fire under control. Fire control should be reported as:

**Fire "Contained"**: The fire's forward progress has been stopped, however the fire is still active and overhaul is needed to completely extinguish the fire.

**Fire "Under Control"**: The fire is contained, overhauled, and completely mitigated.

❖ **Property Conservation:**

The activities required in stopping or reducing additional loss to property. When property conservation activities have concluded, this should be reported as:

**"Loss Stopped"**: All property loss or threats to property has been mitigated. This includes further threats or loss from water damage, fire damage, chemical damage, etc. This benchmark should usually be associated with the thorough completion of salvage and overhaul.