



# Wyckoff Fire Department Standard Operating Guideline

# 403.4.5

**Title: Truck Placement- Private Dwellings**

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**PURPOSE:** Successful emergency scene management starts with the proper positioning of first responding apparatus. The many tasks to be performed at a fire scene are best accomplished when engine, truck and rescue crews operate smoothly in conjunction with each other to protect life and conserve property, apparatus placement facilitates this process.

**OBJECTIVE:** To identify the preferred location(s) for ladder truck placement.

## **GUIDELINE:**

### **1. First Due Truck**

- The first due truck at any incident at a private dwelling will be positioned in front of the structure. This is the most advantageous location to perform the various truck company operations such as:
  - Rescue
  - Forcible Entry
  - Accessibility
  - Ventilation
  - Scene Lighting
  - Aerial Tactics
  - Initial Salvage Operations
- The truck chauffeur and officer will determine the exact positioning for aerial tactics.
- Considerations should be made for obstructions such as:
  - Overhead power lines
  - Trees
  - Street lights, traffic signals, etc.
  - Parked vehicles which may impede outriggers
- The rear of the truck should be left accessible so that ground ladders may be deployed.

## **GUIDELINE (cont.):**

## **2. Second Due Truck**

- On an escalating event, such as a fully involved structure fire, the Incident Commander may request a second ladder truck to the scene.
- Considerations should be planned in initial apparatus placement so that the option of using a Second Due Truck is available to the Incident Commander.
- The Incident Commander and First Due Truck chauffeur will survey the area and determine the best position for the Second Due Truck. This typically will be behind the First Due Truck, but if room allows, it may also be an option to enter the block from the opposite end and to position in front of the First Due Truck.
- This information should be transmitted to the Second Due Truck while they are enroute via radio, utilizing the assigned Response frequency.
- Upon arrival of the Second Due Truck, the Incident Commander or his designee will physically show the chauffeur where the truck is to be positioned.
- The Second Due Truck should not block access to the rear of the First Due Truck so that ground ladders may still be deployed.
- Proper guidance in placing the Second Due Truck as it will be from a mutual aid department and the officer and chauffeur may not be familiar with the SOGs of the Wyckoff Fire Department.

## **3. Additional Trucks**

- Should the Incident Commander deem it necessary, additional trucks may be called to the scene.
- Placement of these trucks will be under the direction of the Incident Commander or his designee.