


SHELBYVILLE FIRE & RESCUE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES		
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Purpose:

To provide a safe and uniform response to dumpster fires that occurs in the City of Shelbyville.

General:

Dumpster fires present the firefighter with a multitude and potentially hazardous situations and properties; therefore, all firefighters shall be equipped with full PPE and maximum respiratory protection, to guard against such dangers.

Response:

The appropriate response to a dumpster fire shall be the two closest stations with one Quint and one Engine staffed with full crews unless dispatch information dictates otherwise.

Procedure:

1. The OIC upon arrival shall conduct a scene size up to determine the extent of the fire and any exposures problems that may exist. Additional companies shall be notified if deemed necessary. A 150ft in diameter safety area shall be established around the area. No unauthorized personnel shall be allowed in this area unless permitted by the OIC.
2. Attempt to contact management to assist in determining contents if it is an industrial dumpster. Contents in any dumpster may be reactive to water, explosive or a oxidizing agent. Hazardous materials may also be involved.
3. All members shall be in full PPE and SCBA.
4. Monitor devices, elevated waterways or a minimum of a 1¾ handline shall be used in the suppression efforts.
5. If a 1¾ handline is used, a handline of equal or greater in diameter shall be put in place to serve as a back-up line.
6. Operations shall be conducted with wind at your back if possible.
7. Overhaul shall be conducted in the safest manner. Full PPE and SCBA shall remain in use until the OIC deems the incident safe from all hazards.
8. It may be necessary to control run-off if substance is hazardous.
9. If hazardous materials are present, contact Emergency Management.
10. Protective clothing, equipment and apparatus may have to be decontaminated after the incident.