



ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

OG – 400-115

CIVIL UNREST – FIRE RESPONSE

1.0 PURPOSE

Civil unrest is a broad term that is typically used by law enforcement to describe one or more forms of disturbance caused by a group of people. This can be through the form of protest, riots, arson, etc...

2.0 RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility to ensure that the above actions are taken in an appropriate manner are defined as indicated below:

- 2.1 Abington Township Police Department
- 2.2 Fire Chief and/or Officer in Charge
- 2.3 Abington Township Emergency Management

An Unsafe scene is when law enforcement is needed or when law enforcement is operating on the scene trying to restore order.

3.0 PROCEDURE

- 3.1. Responding Officer will verify through Montgomery County that the scene is secure by police.
- 3.2. Responding units will maintain situational awareness while enroute for potential threats.
- 3.3. Stage a safe distance and be prepared to retreat to a further distance.
 - 3.3.1 All warning lights will be off once on location with the exception of hazardous traffic patterns.
 - 3.3.2 Response will be held to those units required to mitigate the incident.
- 3.4. Law enforcement is in charge and all operations will be conducted through a unified command system.
- 3.5. Safety is our primary concern and fire suppression is secondary.
- 3.6. At no time will anyone be allowed past the staging area unless coordinated through the PD.
- 3.7. Once the scene is determined to be safe, ATFD will conduct normal operations with the PD remaining on scene.

3.8. All personnel will operate as a crew of 2 at a minimum.

3.9. Extra caution should be used even after the scene was reported safe.

3.10. No Fire personnel will engage anyone being disobedient.

3.11. Driver/Operators will remain with apparatus at all times. Do Not leave tools and/or equipment laying in open/uncontrolled areas.

4.0 RECORDS

4.1 Master Document Listing