1. PURPOSE: To define and describe the standard placement of responding units the South Portland Fire Department.

2. PROCEDURES:
   **Standard Unit Placement and Procedures:**
   This procedure will automatically apply to all box alarm assignments. All units that have staged at Level 1 or 2 shall keep their crew intact and with the apparatus until assigned by Command.

   In an effort to reduce radio traffic and to also pre-plan some of the initial fire scene activities the following should be understood to be your assignment, unless otherwise directly assigned another task by the IC.

   **First Fulltime Engine Company**
   - Stop short of or beyond fire building leaving room for the ladder company
   - Establish command, complete a size up and report action plan (i.e. investigation mode)
   - Initiate appropriate actions, such as primary search suppression/ protection line advancement (lay a supply line if situation dictates & feasible)

   **First Ladder Company**
   - Position vehicle to make a ladder set for rescue, ventilation, and/or exposure control
   - Provide ventilation as directed by the IC
   - Check rear of building for possible trapped people

   **First Ambulance**
   - Assist the 1st fire company as directed. (Park out of the way)
   - This may include the following:
     - Provide the “2 out” per SPFD SOG
     - Begin primary search
     - Assist in the investigation mode

   **Second Fulltime Engine Company**
   - Stop at hydrant unless command directs you to an alternate location
   - Establish a water supply.
   - Establish backup line attack
   - Begin or assist in primary search
   - Connect to sprinkler / standpipe system if applicable
Third Fulltime Engine Company (On the All Hands, or Special Call)
- Augment the 2 out crew, start gathering and setting up the RIT team equipment unless otherwise assigned by the IC.

First Call Engine Company
- Stop at hydrant and prepare to establish water supply
- Provide manpower

Second Call Engine Company
- Stop at hydrant and standby
- Provide Manpower

Second Ladder Company when applicable
- Stage one block away, unless directed otherwise. (Should expect to be assigned the rear of the building so stage accordingly)

Second Ambulance (On the All Hands or Special Call)
- Establish an EMS/Rehab Division
- Provide Manpower

Third Ambulance (On the All Hands)
- Relieve the 2nd Rescue from EMS/Rehab Division

Mutual Aid Heavy Rescue/Squad (On the All Hands)
- Provide RIT unless otherwise assigned
- Refill SCBA bottles

Additional Alarm Apparatus:
Units responding on additional alarms may be instructed to report to a designated staging area(s), referred to as Level 2 Staging SOG. If a Level 2 Staging area is not utilized, Command or Fire Alarm will contact units with instructions.
- Report to the Staging Area (Level 2) as designated by Command
- First arriving unit at the Staging Area, with an officer, will become the Staging Officer
- The Staging Officer shall make unit assignments as directed by Command to a specific Group/Division Officers
- The level of reserve units at staging shall be established by Command. The Staging Officer shall communicate with dispatch to maintain the desired apparatus level
- The staging area should be located in a location out of view of the fire scene and large enough for the scale of the situation

3. REFERENCES:
- None
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