

	<b>UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY INC.</b> <b>Best Operating Guidelines</b>	
	<b>Subject: Live Fire Training</b>	<b>BOG Series Safety</b>
		<b>Initiated 01/01/04</b>
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1. The Fire Company will follow NFPA 1403: Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions and any local laws as necessary.
2. Make sure that the owner of the property and anyone else with financial interests has released the property and has given permission to burn it. Such permission and release must be in writing.
3. A physical inspection of the building will be completed, prior to burning. Inspection items will include; structural stability, concealed or void spaces, chimneys, finishes with high flame spread, wood paneling, fuel supplies and electrical service.
4. Check for exposures, combustible vegetation and nearby structures.
5. Insure adequate water supply. An alternate supply should be on hand (charged line) to prevent loss of water should there be an equipment malfunction.
6. Arrange for traffic assistance, Fire Police and/or Law Enforcement.
7. Check weather conditions for prolonged drought, high winds, thunderstorms etc.
8. Establish a Firefighter Rehab sector, with at least one ambulance on standing by at the scene.
9. Contact Broome County Communications by phone, to advise them of the start of the controlled burn.
10. The entire burning evolution shall be under the direction of a ranking Fire Company Officer.
11. No flammable or combustible liquids shall be used for accelerating building fires.
12. Full protective gear shall be worn by all participants in the exercise.
13. Assign an Operations Officer.
14. Fires shall be kept to a size that can reasonably expect to be extinguished by the personnel assigned. Inexperienced firefighters should not be subjected to fires that would be requiring experience firefighters to control and extinguish.

15. No live victims will be used for smoke or fire evolutions. Only training resources shall be used for victims.
16. A Rapid Intervention Team (RIT or FAST) will be standing by on scene at all burns.
17. Any damage to Company property or any personnel injuries shall be reported immediately to the Chief and Incident Commander.