

CLAYTON FIRE COMPANY NO.1 INCORPORATED
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDLINE # II-7

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To: All Members	Revised: January 1, 2019
Ordered By: Alexander C Carrow, Fire Chief	
Subject: COMMERCIAL VEHICLE FIRES	

This guideline shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded.

Purpose: To establish procedures for maximizing firefighter safety when dealing with commercial vehicles when involved in fire.

I. POSITIONING OF APPARATUS

Apparatus arriving at the scene shall be positioned at a safe distance from the vehicle that is on fire.

II. APPROACH

Firefighters approaching the vehicle shall stay clear of any unsafe areas.

III. SAFETY

If there is any type of fire showing, a minimum of one (1), 13/4 line will be pulled. Under no condition should the fuel filler cap be removed. This may permit heated gasoline vapors to escape thus increasing the danger to personnel. Firefighters shall anticipate:

1. Extra fuel tanks
2. Exploding fuel tanks
3. LPG or CNG fuel cylinders
4. Airborne bumpers
5. Exploding driveshafts
6. Exploding tires
7. Exploding batteries
8. Hazardous contents
9. Occupants still in vehicle

IV. Secure Vehicle

If vehicles tires are still intact use wheel chocks from fire apparatus to limit vehicles movement during overhaul process.