ATTIC FIRES

PURPOSE

In addition to the Structural Fire Protocol, the following considerations should be factored

PROCEDURE

- 1. Additional size-up considerations
 - A. Perform a complete 360 of the roof, use a thermal imager if possible
 - B. Attempt to determine roof construction features (e.g., lightweight?).
 - C. Determine operational mode (Offensive, transitional, Defensive)
- 2. Check for interior and exterior exposures.
- 3. Establish a water supply and pull primary and backup lines.
- 4. Consider ventilation.
- 5. Assign crews to begin covering/salvage operations.
- 6. Use thermal camera to identify hot spots.
- 7. Use piercing nozzle, distributor nozzle, or stream from gable end to introduce water into superheated attic space.
- 8. Following primary extinguishment, clear a room, cover floors, pull ceiling, and begin removing attic contents for overhaul if necessary.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Watch time closely and evaluate extent of fire and roof construction.
- Consider extension to void spaces.
- If fast knockdown is not possible, consider the risk of collapse vs. continued interior/roof operations.
- For Firefighter safety always attempt gable cuts prior to roof operations.