



**UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY  
OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES**

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**PURPOSE:**

To provide a consistent approach to structural firefighting strategies and tactics. By implementing the S.L.I.C.E.R.S. guideline, interior conditions may become more habitable by reducing temperatures and controlling the flow path. This increases the safety of the firefighters and victims at the incident.

**PROCEDURE:**

- **S**ize Up
- **L**ocate the fire
- **I**dentify the flow path
- **C**ool from a safe location
- **E**xtinguish the fire
- **R**escue
- **S**alvage

**Size Up:** This must occur on every fire incident and the format should be consistent with current SOG. Information must be disseminated to incoming crews on fire conditions, location, size, type of structure, occupancy, immediate actions or mode.

**Locate the fire:** Quickly locating the fire will assist in developing an Incident Action Plan. Complete a 360 of the property. Utilize a Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) and read the smoke to assist in locating the fire.

**Identify the flow path:** Identify the presence and/or location of the flow path. If the flow path is visible, close doors and windows to limit air flow. Be aware of immediate rescues that can be performed from the windows and doors prior to controlling them.

**Cool from a safe location:** Quickly apply water to the involved compartment. Accomplish this from the exterior through a window/door or from a protected location from within the structure (down the hall).

Straight Stream application is critical to the success of cooling. Effort to bounce the straight stream off the ceiling will have the greatest effect in cooling the hot gases.

**Extinguish the fire:** Once the thermal threats have been controlled, the fire should be extinguished in the most direct manner possible.

**Rescue:** Although the best action is to suppress the fire, immediate rescue(s) may be necessary. Life safety always takes the highest priority. Remember actions like VEIS may be necessary.



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**Salvage:** The protection of buildings and their contents from unnecessary damage due to water, smoke, and other elements, both during and after a fire.