

	West Fargo Fire & Rescue Standard Operating Guideline			
	Subject: OUTSIDE FIRES			Authorized by:
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Intent

The intent of this SOG is to establish procedure for response to outside fires.

Definitions

Rubbish fire- involve trash as well as discarded building materials and waste.

Dumpster fire- involve trash dumpsters, commercial compactors, and roll offs

Grass fire-involves primarily grassland areas, such as Conservation Rangeland Project (CRP) areas

Brush fire –a fire in a wooded area that includes grass, but also involves trees and bushes

Guideline

Rubbish Fires

Rubbish fires involve trash as well as discarded building materials and waste. Due to the high heat release rate, plus the possibility of hazardous materials and flammable liquids, Class A AFFF Foam shall be the standard agent for these types of fires. Booster or 1 inch rubber line is sufficient for use for smaller fires. Larger fires may require the use of 1 ¾ line.

Grass Fires

Grass fires involve native prairie grass areas such as Conservation Rangeland Project (CRP) areas. Lightweight flashy fuels such as tall grass present a danger to firefighters operating on these types of incidents. All grass fires will be fought upwind and as downhill as possible, from the black or already burned areas of the fire. Operating above a fire on a slope is a watch out situation. An anchor point such as a field, stream, railroad tracks, or roadway shall be utilized to ensure the fire does not entrap firefighters operating on the scene. Booster line, 1 inch rubber hose, or lightweight wild land hose are all acceptable on these fires.

Brush Fires

Fires along the river and in forested areas present hazards such as trees and snags. Great care will be utilized when operating on these fires, and while using chainsaws to remove snags.

Dumpster Fires

Fires in standard commercial sized dumpsters and larger roll offs can involve any possible material. Firefighters will attempt to determine the material burning prior to application of Class A AFFF Foam or Class B AR AFFF Foam. The most efficient way to determine the material burning is by the business the dumpster belongs to. Full PPE and SCBA will be utilized on all fires involving dumpsters and roll offs.