

## **Fire Attack**

**# A-003**

**Date: 10-1-1998**

The requirements of OSHA "2 IN 2 OUT" are to be observed prior to the initial fire attack. **Should the Incident Commander declare a life-threatening situation to exist, a search/rescue can be put in to operation immediately.** Every effort will be made to provide the outside backup personnel (F.A.S.T./ R.I.T) with arriving resources. Should this not be possible mutual aid operations are to be activated. The IC will direct Dutchess County Emergency Dispatch to dispatch the required equipment AND personnel to the scene.

Upon arriving at any structure fire where flames or smoke is issuing from the building, the smallest line that shall be used to attack the fire shall be one and three quarter inch (1 3/4"), not a booster line. Unless fully involved at the time of attack, the lines shall not be operated to drive the flames back into the building. The only exception shall be when flames would endanger people exiting the area or when flames are exposing another building or area of the fire building. When operating two and one half inch (2 1/2") attack lines, a minimum of two firefighters are to be assigned, and pump pressure is to be limited to 80 p.s.i. Initial pump pressures for one and three quarter (1 3/4") are determined by the type of nozzle in use (automatics = 150 p.s.i.), (constant flow = 120 p.s.i.) or as directed by the line officer.