





Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

	OPERATING PROCEDURE	No. 215	
	NOVA Townhouses		
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PURPOSE

To adopt and implement the Northern Virginia Fire and Rescue Department's Operations Manual titled Residential and Commercial Townhouses and Rowhouses, 4th edition (2022).

SCOPE

All personnel shall become aware, understand, and implement the NOVA operating procedures for fires in Residential and Commercial Townhouses and Rowhouses. Fauquier County cannot meet the full complement of apparatus needed for an assignment, but the intent is met and relayed through section III, Addendum, created by the Fauquier County Fire Operations Group.

I. PREFACE

- A. The Northern Virginia area fire and rescue departments have been utilizing such manuals for over a decade. The information, strategy and tactics, initial incident command objectives, and various other incident management concepts contained in the manuals represent years of planning and development. This has been completed through numerous incident responses, local and regional pre-incident planning and lessons learned throughout the region and county.
- B. By having the area fire and rescue departments operate on incident scenes using the same manual, consistency and overall situational awareness are known and understood by all operating on scene of incidents. Fauquier County is considered part of the NOVA Fire and Rescue Departments, and by implementing the operating procedures for fires in Residential and Commercial Townhouses and Rowhouses, consistency for mutual aid companies (receiving and assisting) will be achieved.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. The Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association in conjunction with the Chiefs Group and the Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management, hereby adopt the Northern Virginia Fire and Rescue Department's Operations Manual: Residential and Commercial Townhouses and Rowhouses, 4th edition (2022).

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- B. All members in the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System (career and/or volunteer) shall adhere to the procedures and roles/responsibilities outlined in the Residential and Commercial Townhouses and Rowhouses Manual, 4th edition (2022).

III. ADDENDUM

- A. The following amendments to the response compliment associated with the NOVA Residential and Commercial Townhouses and Rowhouses manual have been adopted by Fauquier County.
1. Response Compliment
 - 4 Engines
 - 1 Truck or Rescue (Interchangeable)
 - 2 Chief/Command Officers
 - 1 ALS/BLS unit
 2. Non-Hydrant Response
 - 3 Tankers
 - 1 Additional Engine