

After Action Review: 9260 East Mansfield

Date: 3/21/2020 Time: 1334 Incident Number: 20-30236

Address: 9260 E Mansfield

E-13 just arriving on scene, view from the Charlie side



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Overview: Fire dispatch toned-out a structure fire stating, “All companies we are getting multiple calls, also getting reports of 2 units fully involved with fire and a possible occupant that is trapped”. Prior to arrival, E-13 announced on Tach 3 that there was smoke in the air.

En-route on Command 3, Ops-2 asked for an additional Truck and Engine due to the initial reports and the location being on the edge of Denver’s SE boarder.

E-13 was first on scene of a 2-story apartment complex (9 total units) with fire showing from the second story and roof of 2 apartments on the Alpha side of the building. The original fire unit was the first unit to the east and had exposures to the west; Delta through Delta-7. E-13 announced they were in offensive fast attack mode and needed the next due Engine to secure a water supply. TR-22 arrived on scene, took command, and started search and rescue efforts of the original fire unit. E-22 secured initial water supply then pulled a back-up line from E-13. Chief 3 arrived on scene shortly after TR-22, took command, and instructed E-24 to secure a 2nd water supply.

Risk vs Benefit: Occupied residential apartment complex. Initial reports from dispatch of a trapped occupant. There were several units affected by potential fire spread.

Units Initially Dispatched: E-13, E-22, E-24, T-22, T-16, R-1, E-5 RIT, CH3, CH4, Ops-2

First Arriving Unit(s): E-13, E-22, T-22

Additional Units Requested: T-19, E-3, T-38, E-19, E-23, CH7

T-23 and E-28 For Overhaul

Initial Assignments:

IC: D3

RIT: E-5

Safety Officer: Ops-2 Morelli

Initial Strategy from first on scene Truck: Offensive fire attack from the address side. Search & Rescue of fire apartment and Delta Exposure.

- **Initial Strategy from IC Chief 3:**
- Water supply by E-22 and E-24.
- Fire attack on the Charlie exterior by E-24.
- Securing of a free flowing and burning gas meter
- Aggressive extinguishment of the main body of fire after the open gas line was controlled.
- Determining the extent of involvement of the exposure (Delta) side of the structure.
- Roof operations to determine the extent of fire spread

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Initial Supply Line: E-22 hand-jacked supply-lines to E-13 who was spotted on the Alpha side.

2nd water supply was from E-24 (approximately 600') on the Bravo side of the structure.

Attack Line(s): E-13 and E-22 both took 1-3/4 lines to the 2nd story original fire unit.

E-24 1-3/4 line to the Delta exposure unit from the Charlie side.

E-3/E-23 1-3/4 line to Delta and Delta-1 exposure units.

Tactical Changes by IC: Change to defensive operations in the original fire unit and continue offensive operations on the exposure units. Back-out tone was used when strategy was changed. PAR was initiated immediately after the back-out tone.

Was the building laddered: T-16 used the aerial ladder from the Alpha side of structure.

2nd Means of egress was obtained by using a 28' ladder placed by T-38 to the Charlie side

Building Size, Type, Number of Stories, and Occupancy:

2 story residential apartment complex, with 9 total units. Type 5 construction, approximately 900 square feet each. All units were accessible from the Charlie side using individual sliding glass doors.

Involvement Upon Arrival and Initial Location of Fire:

Fire started on the Charlie side ground level and extended to 2nd floor interior and eaves.

Initial report from T-22, original fire unit 2nd floor fully involved. Fire showing from the Bravo side attic. Smoke was also pushing out the eaves of the Delta and Delta-1 exposure units.

Communications:

Tach 3 was assigned by dispatch, Ops-2 initiated Command-3 channel to communicate with Dispatch.

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Special Challenges, Hazards:

Heavy fire involvement to one unit and fire in the attic of the 2nd unit. Fire on the exterior first and second level. Free flowing gas meter on fire, unable to shut off by fire crews, finally secured by Xcel gas.

Safety Issues:

- Establishment of a water supply by the first arriving company was not obtained but is paramount, especially with information that a unit on a multi-family structure is fully involved and confirming such on arrival.
- Delay in using Tablet command to manage the incident.
- Water was flowed through a vent hole to extinguish fire in the attic, during offensive operations. Hose lines used for roof operations are for firefighter's protection.
- Ops-2 giving assignments to companies without IC awareness.
- Multiple attempts to reassign the RIT company.
- Companies self-reporting a PAR to IC. See safety recommendations

Command Structure

Incident Command: Chief 3

Charlie Division: Chief 4, E-24, T-38, T-19

Alpha Division: Chief 7

Groups: Fire Attack, Search, Exposure D

Roof Division: T-16, R-1

Rehab Group: Ops-4

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Evaluation and Summary

1. Tactical Priorities

Fire attack on the original fire unit and Exposure Delta and Delta-1 units. Search and rescue of the original fire unit and Exposure Delta and Delta-1 units. Fire attack from the Charlie side exterior and securing damaged natural gas meter. Containing fire to the first 3 apartments.

2. Positive Outcomes

- There were no firefighter and no civilian injuries related to this incident.
- Damage was confined to the two units involved upon arrival; fire did not spread past the Delta-1 exposure.

3. Safety considerations

- Work on being disciplined when announcing you have a PAR. Asking for a PAR should come from the IC or the Safety Officer first, then your Division/Group supervisor. This will insure that the companies who were assigned the most dangerous tactics are accounted for first.

South



ALPH SIDE

The first unit to the east on the A/B corner is the original fire unit.

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