Bath Township Fire Department			Standard Operating Guideline	
Section **Operations**	**Referral No.** **O-20**	**Subject:** **Dumpster Fires**	**Date Issued** **2/08**	**Date Revised**

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for safe response to dumpster fires.
- To define the response plan to dumpster fire incidents.

Scope:

- This standard operating guideline shall apply to all personnel.

Responsibilities:

- Officer
  - Ensure that personnel respond properly.
  - Provide direction based on the Incident Management System.
- Personnel
  - All personnel have the responsibility of following the direction of Incident Command at an emergency scene.
  - All personnel have the responsibility of wearing proper safety equipment and to operate in a safe manner.

Response Guidelines:

- **Safety is always our first priority**
- A "Limited Response" shall be initiated for Dumpster Fire Incidents
- When dispatched to a dumpster fire, all personnel will respond to the fire station and continue to scene following Bath Fire Department Apparatus Response Sequence.
- When personnel arrive on station, they will:
  - Respond Tanker 1303
    - Upon arrival on scene, transmit a brief size-up of the scene (Brief Initial Report) and establish command, if not already established.
    - When possible stage **upwind and uphill** of the dumpster.
    - Try to determine what material is burning.
    - If possible try to move dumpster to open area.
      - If unable to move dumpster check for extension and protect exposures.
    - If the dumpster is in a building, it is a structure fire.
  - Respond Truck 1309
    - 1309 will stage near 1303 for lighting, containing water runoff, and possible winch ops to move dumpster away from exposures.
  - Respond a Medic Unit

  - Stage in close proximity to scene and in a location where the unit may leave if the situation arises.
- A fire-report and Origin & Cause determination shall be completed while on-scene.

Tactical Guidelines:

- The minimum level of PPE is full structural firefighting gear with SCBA.
- The minimum hose-line size shall be 1 ¾ ”
  - Additional lines should be used for exposure protection as necessary.
- Consideration should be given to position apparatus at an angle to best allow the removal of any hose lines and allow the pump operator view of the scene.
- It may be necessary to control run-off if substance is hazardous material.
  - If so, contain the substance and contact EMA.