Bath Township Fire Department			Standard Operating Guideline	
Section **Operations**	**Referral No.** **O-25**	**Subject:** **Chimney Fire Operations**	**Date Issued** **03/03**	**Date Revised** **3/08**

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for safety and safe extinguishment of chimney fires.

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.
  - Ensure the safety of all personnel.
- Personnel
  - All personnel have the responsibility of following the direction of Incident Command.
  - All personnel have the responsibility to wear the proper safety equipment and to operate in a safe manner.

Guidelines:

- **Safety is always our first priority**
- Upon entry into structure, personnel will check for fire extension into void spaces.
- A dry chemical extinguisher will be discharged into the flue area of the firebox.
- If safety allows, a team will be sent to the roof to check for extension around the chimney.
  - Roof ladder shall be used whenever operating on a pitched roof. (see "Roof-Top Operations" guideline)
- The Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) will be used to check for extension into the walls or ceiling.
  - The roof team can also use the TIC.
- A small amount of water from a pressurized water extinguisher may be sprayed down the chimney to extinguish stubborn embers.
- Other acceptable methods of extinguishment may be used if approved by the IC.
- If extension is suspected, the involved wall or ceiling may need to be opened to extinguish it.
- After the fire has been extinguished, advise the homeowner to watch for extension or rekindle.
- Advise to homeowner to seek the advice of a professional chimney sweep or chimney repair service.

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