

Marlow Volunteer Fire Department

Tactical Guideline - Brush Fire Control

These procedures are designed to make the best use of minimal manpower to control and extinguish brush fires in a safe manner.

Priorities

1. Life Safety - including domestic animals and livestock.
2. Protection of threatened structures.
3. Containment of the fire.
4. Extinguishment of the fire.

Safety Rules

1. Always tag out at the On Scene Board. This allows Incident Command to keep track of all members on the scene.
2. Wear appropriate non-synthetic clothing:
 - helmet
 - work gloves
 - long pants
 - work boots
 - goggles (if desired)
 - bandannaBunker pants and boots are strongly discouraged.
3. Be prepared for nightfall during afternoon and evening fires. Take your handlight.
4. Keep your faceshield down or goggles on when moving through the brush at night to avoid possible eye injury.
5. Establish the apparatus as a safe anchor point from which to fight the fire.
6. Never work alone. Stay with your assigned crew.
7. Watch for possible downed power lines or other hazards.
8. Be alert for changes in wind or weather conditions.
9. Maintain visual and voice contact with other crew members at all times.
10. Maintain communications between the crew and the anchor point.
11. Maintain communications between the crew and Incident Command.

The safe area is the area that has already burned. In an emergency, get into it. When going into or out of the fire area, go through it.