

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- A good size-up is accurate, understood and timely – but it isn't always quick- get it right.
- Ensure size-ups are copied by dispatch, sometimes this will require parroting on a different channel. Have other companies assist you with this when possible.
- Consider giving your crew, or other companies arriving, their initial assignments prior to broadcasting the size-up when units are arriving simultaneously. Once you broadcast the Brief Arrival Report (BAR) the radio gets busy.

## PROTOCOLS:

### 1. BAR:

- What you **KNOW immediately** upon arrival and not much more. You will have time to describe the incident and your plans in detail once you have greater understanding of the actual situation. Avoid making assignments based on incomplete incident information.

### 2. 360° Scene Survey:

- Get your own eyes on all sides of the building / problem whenever possible.
- Your chance to gain situational awareness.
  - What building type is it? How large etc. If it is a known facility just say that name.
  - What fire/ smoke and other conditions / problems exist?
  - Access options?
  - Any surprises?
  - Identify immediate safety issues....
- Begin to develop your plan
  - What command mode will you operate in?
  - What strategy (operational mode) will you order for the incident?
  - What initial tactics?

### 3. Follow-Up Radio Report:

- Be detailed - this is your chance to get all companies up to speed on what you know and what you intend to do about it.
- Describe what you know about the building / situation and the incident occurring.
- Share any immediate major safety concerns.
- Broadcast your chosen command mode, your initial operational mode, and initial tactics.
- Declare and broadcast the Alpha side on structure fire incidents.