

WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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| INCIDENT GUIDELINE | S.O.G. NUMBER: WC.101 | FIRE ACCREDITATION NUMBER: |
| SUBJECT: | EFFECTIVE DATE: | DISTRIBUTION: |
| Building Search Marking | March 25, 2004 | ALL WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS |
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| | None | |

I. SCOPE:

This procedure shall apply to all Departments/Companies/personnel working at the scene of a multiple building/multiple apartment search effort. It will describe the procedure used for marking buildings or apartments during an area search.

II. PURPOSE:

This guideline will allow Departments and Companies to follow a uniform procedure to facilitate building Search Operations without duplication of effort. It will provide visual confirmation of structures searched and provide evidence of location of Search Teams.

III. TERMINOLOGY:

For the purpose of this SOG, marking devices are defined as media that are visible from a distance, portable, hand held, erasable/washable/removable, non-toxic, not hazardous, non-flammable.

Examples: Sidewalk chalk, Water based markers, Window paint, Duct tape, or Masking tape.

IV. POLICY:

The Incident Commander shall designate Search Sector boundaries and assign Departments or Companies as necessary

- The Sector Officer shall divide workforce into 3 or 4 person Teams.
- Search Personnel shall be properly attired.
- Search Personnel shall assemble all required/anticipated Materials and Equipment prior to search.
- Search Personnel shall be briefed as to the boundaries of the search area, objective of the search, and known hazards.

