



3.0 Purpose: Establish Guidelines For Block Parties.

3.01 Scope: All Shift Assigned Personnel.

3.02 **OBJECTIVES**

1. To maximize educational opportunities with the public.
2. To have uniformity between companies.

3.03 **INITIAL CONTACT**

The Captain that is on duty on the date of the block party and in his first-in area shall make contact with the Block Captain or responsible party prior to the date of the block party and explain the following:

1. Captain will make it understood that they will plan on being at the block party, but it must be understood that emergencies will take precedence and our attendance may not happen.

Captains on arrival at block parties will:

1. Make contact with Block Captain or responsible party.
2. Introduce crews.
3. Offer booklets and materials that the Department is able to supply.
4. Captains will break block party into two groups, adults and children, and have the crews show the engine and equipment. The crew will also explain the responsibilities of the Fire Department to the City and the citizens
5. The average time spent on each block party will be 15 to 20 minutes.

3.04 **ADULT GROUP**

Captains or one of their crew members will show engine and explain to the adult group what the Fire Department does at a fire and why. They will explain how fires are extinguished (R.E.C.E.O. and S.V.), the type of calls the Department responds to (haz-mats., falls, medical aids, etc.), and show the engine and equipment.



3.05 **CHILDREN GROUP**

The children group will be shown the engine and it will be explained what the Fire Department does at fires and why. This group may do some type of Fire Department activity:

- a. Talk and do "Stop, Drop and Roll"
- b. Put on turnouts
- c. Talk about Burn Aware
- d. Talk about 911
- e. Talk about E.D.I.T.H.
- f. Talk about engine and equipment.
- g. Etc.

3.06 **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Engine and personnel are to remain operational and ready at all times.
2. Crews are to use good judgment in accepting sit-down lunch or dinner meals; however, a drink or snack will be considered appropriate.
3. If on arrival there is little interest on the part of the adults and it appears that the adults will not participate, the following course of action is recommended:
 - a. Captain makes contact with Block Captain or responsible party and give them brochures or handout materials.
 - b. Get kids into group and do above suggestions.
 - c. Thank Block Captain and leave to another block party.
4. If block party people are eating or doing other activities, the Captain will give materials to the responsible party and suggest that they come back at a more appropriate time, if possible.
5. It is to be remembered that at all times the crews are representing the Fire Department and their actions should be appropriate for the situation.