

Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guideline

SUBJECT: CHIMNEY FIRES

SOG 816

PURPOSE: This SOG provides guidance on mitigation of chimney fires.

SCOPE: This policy shall apply to all members of the Egg Harbor Fire Department.

GUIDELINES:

1. First arriving unit on scene of all incidents shall give an initial size-up report. **See SOG 1003.**
2. No hose streams will be placed down a chimney to extinguish a fire.
3. To minimize damage all firefighters shall remain outside the structure, until instructed to enter by the Incident Commander.
4. Salvage covers will be used to minimize damage to the residence. Fire in firebox will be removed and extinguished.
5. If applicable, chaining of the chimney will be attempted to break up build up inside chimney to aid in extinguishment.
6. Inspection of the chimney and surrounding structure will be attempted for signs of extension and fire spread.
7. Care should be taken not to place ladders on chimney surrounds, particularly found in new lightweight residential construction.
8. Once a fire has been extinguished by Egg Harbor Fire Department, the chimney will be out of service until inspected and deemed safe by a qualified inspector. Egg Harbor Fire Department will not be responsible for damage from the extinguishment of the chimney fire and will not direct or recommend continued usage of such.