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PURPOSE

To establish safe operating procedures for loss control.

PROCEDURE

**A. SIZE-UP/ASSESSMENT OF CONDITIONS**

1. Make sure structure is sound (floors, walls, ceiling, roof).
2. Check Utilities status.
3. Refer to Operational Guideline "Building Collapse" for further details.
4. Evidence/scene preservation

**B. SCENE OPERATIONS**

1. Evidence/scene preservation (refer to Operational Guideline "Fire Cause")
  - I. Preserve evidence of incendiaries. Take photographs.
  - II. Request fire investigator, if required.
  - III. When fire is of suspicious origin restrict access to area of origin to protect investigation.
  - IV. Protect property against unauthorized entry.
  - V. Do not permit owners or occupants to remove valuables during operations without authorization from the Incident Commander.
2. Salvage
  - I. Protect salvageable property from damage.
  - II. Consider salvage during operations if possible.
3. Overhaul
  - I. Remove all partially burned materials that may rekindle.
  - II. If necessary, use wetting agents outdoors to penetrate fibrous materials, mattresses, etc.
  - III. Check all concealed spaces for hot spots.
  - IV. Consider use of TIC.
4. Property Release  
Turn over property contents to owner/representative at the end of the operation and investigation with approval of Incident Commander and Investigator.

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

- Overhaul will be done with crews in full structural PPE including SCBA.
- Two persons minimum on working teams.
- Rotate initial attack crews for rest, when possible.