

# Operating Guidelines

Section: Fireground Procedures

Subject: Establishing a Safety Officer at Emergencies

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## Guidelines

### 902.1

Incident Command shall appoint an Incident Safety Officer (ISO) at the Emergency scene when it is felt he/she can no longer, or will be unable to effectively oversee the safety of the fire fighters on the scene.

### 902.2

Whenever possible, a Senior Officer shall be used in this capacity.

### 902.3

The ISO is responsible to Incident Command on matters of safety **only**.

### 902.4

The ISO shall operate independently of operations on the fire ground in a safe manner, identifying potential safety concerns, stopping fire ground procedures only when immediate risk to safety of firefighters is involved. The ISO shall keep Incident Command apprised of any safety concerns they feel are relevant and advise of alternate plans to achieve the same end goals.

## Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all officers and firefighters to be aware of the safety officer's job and follow any instructions given by the ISO in reference to the safety of the personnel on the fire ground.