

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP DIVISION OF FIRE
SUGGESTED OPERATING PROCEDURE**

SUBJECT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Transitional Fire Attack	10-17-2013

APPROVED BY:	NUMBER
Acting Chief Fraley	13-01

PURPOSE:

To rapidly improve conditions for victims trapped in an IDLH environment by applying water as soon as possible and to reduce the risk of injury to firefighters.

RESPONSIBILITY:

1. All officers are responsible for the training of firefighting / EMS personnel and for ensuring proper compliance with this procedure.
2. All members have the responsibility to adequately learn this procedure and to carry out this policy.

PROCEDURE:

A transitional fire attack will be initiated on structure fires that have fire venting from openings that are *readily accessible* upon arrival. The OIC shall determine if flowing water through an opening is the *quickest* means of applying water to the fire. The OIC will announce over the assigned talkgroup when this procedure is to be initiated.

1. Use a smooth bore nozzle at a high angle to deflect water off ceiling. Do not rotate or whip the nozzle. Flow water for 15-30 seconds to soften the target area.
2. If conditions permit immediately following the knockdown an aggressive advance to the seat of the fire through the interior will be conducted.