

Fire Engineering

Company Training Drill

NFPA Objectives (JPR's)	Job Levels	Critical Safety Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NFPA 1001 (2008) 5.3.8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Suppression Personnel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPE Use, Safe Overhaul, No exposure to smoke products

Dumpster or trash container fires appear to be very simple operations yet hide perhaps as many if not more hazards than some structure fires. Since there is no perceived value to the dumpster and its contents, we can sometimes approach these incidents with our guards down only to get caught when a unknown cylinder, fuel source or toxic by-product exposes our crews. Discuss tactics and safety considerations for these fires and emphasize that no smoke is safe, that each of these fires are extremely dangerous and protection of the crews is paramount when attacking, overhauling and operating at these incidents.



Discussion Questions

- What levels of protective clothing are required for dumpster fires in your department?
- What hazards could be present inside the dumpster?
- Where should apparatus be positioned for fire attack at a dumpster fire?
- Do you consider information from property owners to be reliable about the contents in a dumpster?

Points to Consider

What alternatives to traditional trash line attack on dumpster fires are available?

What procedures should you take if you arrive and find that the dumpster has an exposure to a structure or vehicle?

What procedures do you follow when the contents of a dumpster needs to be overhauled?

How would you handle a compactor/dumpster fire that has electrical or hydraulic power?



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