

FIRE ORDERS

Fight fire aggressively but provide for safety first.

Initiate all action based on current and expected fire behavior.

Recognize current weather conditions and obtain forecasts.

Ensure instructions are given and understood.

Obtain current information on fire status.

Remain in communication with crew members, your supervisor and adjoining forces.

Determine safety zones and escape routes.

Establish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations.

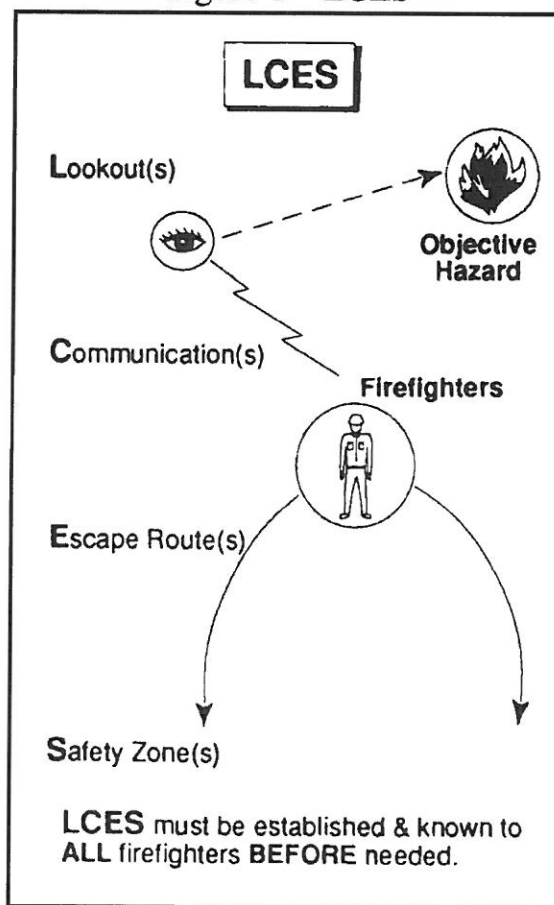
Retain control at all times.

Stay alert, keep calm, think clearly, act decisively.

LOOKOUTS, COMMUNICATIONS, ESCAPE ROUTES, SAFETY ZONES (LCES)

Figure 1 displays the concept of LCES which is posting lookout(s) if you cannot see the fire, maintaining communications between the lookout(s) and firefighters, and always knowing your escape route(s) and safety zone(s). If LCES is constantly practiced the Standard Firefighting Orders and Watch Out Situations will not be compromised.

Figure 1—LCES



SECTION 1 - FIRE SUPPRESSION PRINCIPLES

Strategy is an overall plan of action for fighting a fire which gives regard to the most cost efficient use of personnel and equipment in consideration of resource values threatened, fire behavior, legal constraints, and objectives established for resource management.

Tactics are the operational aspects of fire suppression. Determining exactly where and how to build a control line and what other suppression measures are necessary to extinguish a fire. Tactics must be consistent with the strategy established for suppressing a fire.

The purpose of this section on fire suppression principles is to acquaint all firefighters with the factors to size up a fire and apply the strategy and tactics that will enable an appropriate suppression response to be completed in a safe, efficient manner, and facilitate rehabilitation of the suppression impacts.

Most wildland fires are suppressed by initial attack (first to arrive) forces. Some wildland fires become large for various reasons. Fire suppression principles apply to initial attack as well as to large fires or parts of large fires.