



# Training Bulletin

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## Rear Porch Fires



Somerville



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- As with all reported fires, for situational awareness purposes, the first due company should perform a 360-degree size-up.
- If pump positioning allows, operate a pre-piped deck gun to knock down the fire.
- **If pump positioning does not allow the deck gun to be operated, the first hand line stretched should be a 2-1/2 inch line to the exterior and operated on the fire.**
- Be aware of any potential collapse hazards and the possibility of fire extension into the building including the knee walls, attic, or cockloft.
- Lines stretched into the building should be 1-3/4 inch hand lines.
- Ladder Companies, Squad Companies and the Rescue Company should consider stretching a 1-3/4 handline into the building if there is not already a hand line stretched to the floor they will be operating on.
- Maintain communication with the Incident Commander and other firefighters to ensure a coordinated and safe attack.

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