

# Lincoln County Fire and Rescue Association

## Standard Operating Guideline (SOG)

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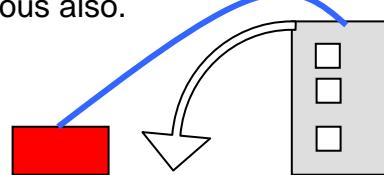
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Title: Defensive and Collapse Operations

**Purpose:** To promote the safety of emergency personnel and equipment during large volume fires or incidents in which the collapse of the structure is expected.

**Safe Area:** History and training have proven that the danger area for collapse of a structure is an area that is equal to the height of the structure. Even though the corners of a structure are notably safer than a straight wall, the corners shall be treated as dangerous also.



**Personnel:** Emergency workers are expected to operate in teams outside of the “collapse zone” unless a life safety issue occurs and is relayed to the IC. The damage to apparatus, hoselines, ground ladders, etc. is to be anticipated when tasks are being performed within the collapse area.

**Announcement:** **When the IC has determined that life safety and offensive operations are no longer feasible, the following shall be performed.**

- A withdrawal of personnel and equipment shall be announced over the radio.
- A cycle of five (5) 3-second air horns blasts shall be delivered from the first-due (attack) apparatus.
- Communications is to be directed to deliver an evacuation tone on the Tactical radio channel.
- Accountability (PAR) check of all on-scene personnel by the Incident Commander.