

## Emergency Response and Street Design

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Firemen are Opposed to Anything That Stands  
in Their Way of Protecting Those Who Live in  
Any Neighborhood



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## Walkable Communities Benefit Emergency Responders

- Fewer automobiles on the streets
- Houses closer to the street
- Alley access at the rear of our buildings
- Electric lines are generally underground
- Continuous traffic flow at Intersections
- Slower traffic also saves lives
- Provide visible, reflective street signs
- Adequate Fire Hydrants (at intersections)

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### Traffic Calming Measures that Firefighters do not Support

#### Speed Bumps

- Crack the frames of Fire Trucks
- Toss firemen and equipment off trucks
- Furthers the injuries of Medical Patients

Streets & Intersections that are too tight or narrow for the passage of Fire Vehicles

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### Engine Companies Have Expanded Their Size Over the Years

In the 1950's Engine Companies fought fires:

- Carry 500 – 1,000 gallons of water
- Fire hose, fittings, S.C.B.A., ladder, ropes

In the 1990's they added to their responsibilities

- EMS equipment
- Hydraulic extrication tools
- Haz-Mat equipment, absorbents, neutralizers, chemical and gas test kits

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Ladder Trucks are necessary for Today's Fire Response



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Ladder Trucks Provide Ground Ladders



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Forcible Entry Equipment to Gain Access to Buildings



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Provide Roof or Attic Ventilation



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Ladder Trucks  
Provide  
Search & Rescue  
of Occupants

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And Required for the  
Rescue of Firefighters  
Inside Buildings

Rapid Intervention Team  
OSHA CFR 1910.134

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Ladder Trucks Provide  
Forced Air Ventilation



They Provide the Needed Electricity  
for Ventilation, Interior and  
Exterior Flood Lights

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Exposure Protection  
is Essential in High  
Density Land Use  
Districts



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Engine Companies Cannot  
Protect Exposures With  
Hoses @ 100 G.P.M.



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**Ladder Trucks Can Protect Exposures  
With Streams @ 2000 G.P.M.**



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**Ladder Companies are also Utilized  
Because of an Improved I.S.O. Rating**

- I.S.O. (Insurance Services Office) rates over 43,000 Fire Departments
- Major Insurance Companies utilize I.S.O. ratings to help set insurance premiums
- Fire Departments can improve their I.S.O. Rating by the use of Ladder Trucks
- Improving I.S.O. Ratings from a 9 to 6 can save property owners ½ the premium
- Improved Ratings can save a community millions of dollars in insurance premiums

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**How Much Street  
Width Does a  
Fire Truck Require?**



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**Building Better Relationships With  
Fire Marshals and Firefighters**

- Work with Fire and EMS Responders early and often in the planning process
- Understand the Firefighters motive to "Save Lives & Protect Property"
- Provide, at least, the minimum, necessary street width for your town's Fire Engines and Ladder Trucks

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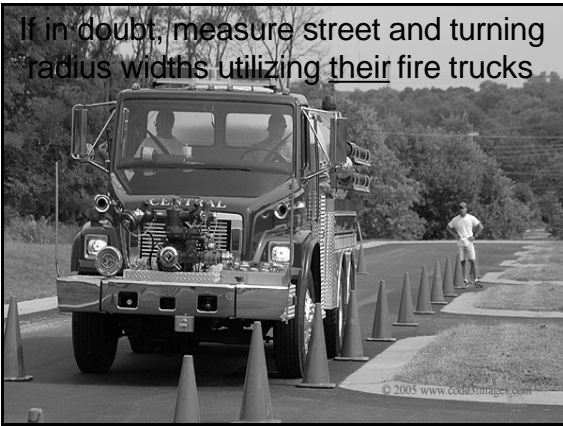
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If in doubt, measure street and turning radius widths utilizing their fire trucks



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*To promote the growth of Walkable Communities we need to sell our product and open a dialog with Emergency Services*

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