

This guideline identifies the three separate priorities that should be completed in order to stabilize any fire situation. These priorities translate to tactical functions which should be regarded as separate, yet inter-related activities, and which should be dealt with in order. The Incident Commander should not proceed to the next priority until the first priority has been completed or a plan has been developed. However, in many cases the Incident Commander must overlap and mix the activities of each to achieve the goal of mitigating the incident.

**BASIC PRIORITIES:**

**Rescue:**

The activities required to protect and/or remove endangered occupants whose safety is threatened and to treat the injured.

**Fire Control:**

The activities required to stop the forward progress of the fire and to bring the fire under control.

**Property Conservation:**

The activities required to stop or reduce additional loss to property.

The objectives are reflected in the following benchmarks of completion:

**Rescue:** Primary/Secondary Search

**Fire Control:** Under Control

*Fire Contained: The fire's forward progress has been stopped, however the fire is still active and overhaul is needed to completely extinguish the fire.*

*Fire Under Control: The fire is contained, overhauled, and completely mitigated.*

**Property Conservation:** Loss Stopped