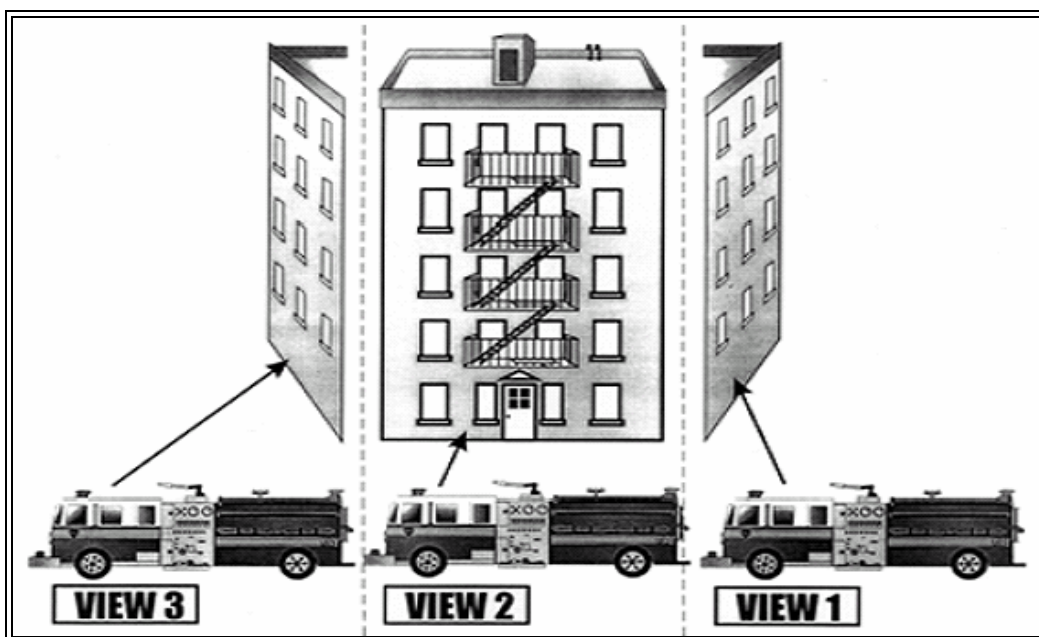


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Initial Apparatus Positioning

When responding to fire incidents, apparatus operators *must* remember to approach the involved location in such a manner as to give the Officer the “look” – the look at three-sides of the building, that is. This also makes room at the front, or “address”, of the building for incoming aerial apparatus. A little positioning fore-thought upon arrival will pay huge dividends in the long run.



Remember, 99% of the time, the place you position your apparatus at the beginning of the incident is the place it stays for the duration. Try to predict where the incident is going and position accordingly.

Discussion Points

- What is your department SOG for size-up and positioning?
- What differences in positioning are recommended for nothing showing, smoke/fire showing, or heavy involvement?
- What considerations due the type of apparatus you are responding have to the initial position of the apparatus