



**Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.**

EXTENDED ATTACK

After your initial size-up of the fire and/or transfer of command from an initial attack IC, answer the following questions. Repeat this analysis whenever there is a change, or predicted change, in fire conditions.

- Do you have a current fire weather forecast for the fire location?
- Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?
- Have you established a new organizational structure and communicated it to the other forces associated with the fire?
- Can you control the fire with the resources available (either on the incident or soon to be on the incident) under expected conditions?
- Have you developed a plan to attack the fire?
 - Direct or indirect
 - Anchor points
 - Escape routes
 - Head or flank attack
 - Priority areas
- Have you communicated this to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?
- Can you see all of the fire area?
- Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?
- Are escape routes established?
 - If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a reburn potential?
- Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed and/or mitigated?
- Will you contain the fire before the next operational period?
- Have you reported the status of the fire to dispatch?
- Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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