Standard Fire Orders for All Structural Firefighters

Fire Behavior
1. Know your fire/fuel load.
2. Know what your fire is doing at all times.
3. Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire.

Fireground Safety
4. Recognize current structural conditions and forecast changes.
5. Determine collapse zones and escape routes.
6. Maintain firefighter accountability and establish rapid intervention teams at all working fires.

Organizational Control
7. Maintain prompt communication with your forces, your supervisor and adjoining forces.
8. Give clear instructions and ensure they are understood.
9. Maintain control of your forces at all times.

If 1–9 are considered, then...
10. Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first. The 10 Standard Structural Fire Orders are firm. We don’t break them; we don’t bend them. All firefighters have a right to a safe assignment. Remember, “Everybody goes home!”
Standard Fire Orders for All Wildland Firefighters*

Fire Behavior
1. Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts.
2. Know what your fire is doing at all times.
3. Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire.

Fireline Safety
4. Identify escape routes and make them known.
5. Post lookouts when there is possible danger.

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