

SIZE UP GUIDELINE

The following acronym can be used to jog your memory in conducting a scene size-up

COAL WAS WEALTH

- **C** **Construction – How is the building built**
 - **Type 1** **Fire Resistive**
 - **Type 2** **Non-combustible**
 - **Type 3** **Ordinary**
 - **Type 4** **Heavy Timber**
 - **Type 5** **Wood Frame**

- **O** **Occupancy – Who/what is in the building at the time of alarm**

- **A** **Apparatus/manpower – What/who is coming? Is it enough?**

- **L** **Life Hazard – What is the potential life hazard?**

- **W** **Water Supply – What is needed? Is it adequate?**

- **A** **Auxiliary Appliances – What are they? Where are they? Do you have control of them?**

- **S** **Street Conditions – Will they be a hindrance?**

- **W** **Weather – Is it a help or hindrance?**

- **E** **Exposures – Where might the incident go?**

- **A** **Area – How big might this incident grow?**

- **L** **Location of fire – You have to find it to control it?**

- **T** **Time of day – Is it a factor?**

- **H** **Height – How big is the building? Can we ladder it?**