

# JEFFERSON-MONROE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Rapid Intervention Team Standard Operation Guideline

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### Scope:

1 This guideline is to protect / rescue department members in case of entrapment due a structural failure or other life threatening incident.

### Purpose:

2 The purpose of the rapid Intervention team (RIT) is to provide rapid rescue for the firefighters operating at the emergency scene.

### General:

3.1 The RIT shall consist of one officer (RIT Supervisor) and two or three firefighters. The officer is responsible for assembling the minimal equipment, see the attachment for tools.

3.2 The RIT shall stay as a team until such time as the IC releases the members from this assignment. These firefighters can not be used to relieve another crew unless a replacement team has been established.

3.3 The Tools that the RIT teams assemble can not be used by other fire crews. The tools selected by the team are dependant on the situation, such as locations, conditions , structure etc.. The officer is responsible to monitor radio communications and situations and prepare accordingly.

3.4 The Incident Commander (IC) is responsible for establishing and activating the RIT.

3.5 RIT operations is a controlled response, no other personnel shall become engaged in the rescue operations without IC direct orders.

3.6 Upon initiated the RIT Supervisor shall be briefed by IC.

3.7 MAY-DAY, communication shall only be used to report a firefighter/s in trouble.

### Establishing criteria for RIT

4.1 Working structure fires beyond the incipient stage and other incidents where fire department personnel are subject to hazards that would be immediately dangerous to life (IDLH) or health in the event of a structure failure or conditions.

- Offensive operations (interior attach)
- Hazardous Material Incidents
- Confined Space
- Other incidents having significant risk to personnel

### 4.2 RIT Preparation

- RIT Supervisor performs the scene size up:
  - (360 degree review)
  - Brief with IC
  - Monitor radio traffic
  - Monitor Operations etc.

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4.3 RIT Supervisor directs the collection of tools, staging of equipment, preparation of personnel.

Personnel shall be in appropriate PPE (SCBA)

Stage RIT at area near attach team entry

Tools as required reference tool list.

Consider staging equipment, e.g. ladder to second floor

### Implementation:

5.1 If a MAY-DAY is declared the IC activates the RIT team.

5.2 Any report of MAY-DAY shall receive priority radio traffic. NO other communication on that channel should occur not initiated by the down firefighter or IC. All other traffic will move to a different channel. Do not request the downed firefighter to change channels.

5.3 The IC and RIT office perform a face to face plan.

This communication should include:

Confirmation of the known or last known location of the down firefighter.

Situation, is the firefighter trapped, lost, in the hot zone ,

Condition of the location, is the firefighter in immediate danger etc.

Air supply status

Preliminary rescue plan / route.

5.4 If the firefighters location is not known or can not be immediate determined via radio communication the IC should initiated a, Personnel Accountability Report, (PAR).

5.5 A PAR is a roll call or all firefighters assigned to the emergency. This PAR will be done on a separate radio channel.

5.6 Once the MAY-DAY is confirmed the RIT rescue will be initiated.

5.7 Once the initial team is deployed back up teams are required.

5.8 Once the rescue has been completed RIT operations completion will be announced by IC.

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### RIT Equipment Checklist

- Get a briefing from Incident Command
- Do building size up (including 360 degree walk around)
- Open / unlock all doors as appropriate
- Monitor crews' locations
- Brief team on incident situation

### Equipment

- RIT Bag (100 ft rope, wire cutters, tarp checklist)
- RIT Pack / spare SCBA
- Thermal Imaging Camera
- Hose line
- Married pair
- Flashlights
- Forcible entry / saws
- Ring sling
- Radios
- etc