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WESTERN PLACER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

SOG
TWO OUT

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PURPOSE: Prior to initiating any fire attack in any IDLH environment with no confirmed rescue, members should ensure that there are sufficient resources on scene to establish two-in/two-out procedures (29 CFR 1910.134(g)(4)).

GUIDELINE: The Two In / Two Out team and Rapid Intervention Company (RIC) are separate entities and should remain independent unless reassigned by Command.

Nothing in this SOG prevents the immediate deployment of personnel to affect a rescue during any stage of an incident.

I. Two Out Assignment

a. Members should ensure that at least two firefighters using self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) enter the IDLH environment and remain in voice or visual contact with one another at all times. If the fire is beyond the incipient stage, at least two outside firefighting personnel should be assigned as Two Out.

b. Two Out should be equipped and prepared to perform accountability and rescue operations.

c. Two Out should be in full turn-outs with SCBAs and ideally positioned near the entry point with a charged hose line.

d. One of the two outside firefighters may be assigned to an additional role so long as the individual is able to perform assistance or rescue activities without jeopardizing the safety or health of any firefighters working at the incident.

e. In the event RIC is deployed Two Out may be assigned to assist RIC.

II. Two Out Entry

a. Two Out is in place to assist with, and/or affect the rescue of, the interior firefighting personnel who may become endangered. Entry into the structure is permissible under the following general conditions:

i. A rescue situation develops involving a firefighter.
ii. Fire spread jeopardizes the egress or safety of the interior firefighters.
iii. Personnel unaccounted for following a PAR.

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iv. If Two Out makes entry, a replacement Two Out should be assigned by Command.
v. Once the incident is under control and the IDLH is eliminated, Two Out is no longer required.

RESPONSIBLE: Incident Commander

REFERENCES:

OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134

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