

	JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY COUNTY-WIDE OPERATIONAL GUIDELINE	
	SUBJECT: Rapid Intervention Team / RIT	OG# 10-007
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PURPOSE:

To establish operational procedures, identify optional levels of rapid intervention capability and define survivability skills to assist fire and rescue personnel who may become trapped or missing while operating within hazardous environments. This task will be performed initially by the Third Arriving Engine Company and other resources as assigned by Command.

- * The initial Rapid Intervention Company (3rd arriving Engine Company) shall consist of at least a three member crew, to include two firefighters and one officer, which is immediately available to respond to requests for help from lost, trapped or incapacitated firefighters.
- * If the 3rd arriving Engine Company has less than three personnel, the Incident Commander is Reminded to assign or reassign other units as available to the RIT Company.

Note: It is strongly encouraged for the IC to ensure that the initial RIT Company have at least four (4) personnel.

- * If there are not enough on-scene resources to ensure adequate RIT manpower, the Incident Commander shall request additional units to be dispatched (Working Fire Task Force, 2nd Alarm, Etc.)
- * Incident Commanders Note: In the event of a MAYDAY or RIT Group Incident, three firefighters are not enough for effective RIT Operations. The Incident Commander will need to have additional personnel assigned or reassigned to RIT as an event unfolds. Incident Commanders are reminded that as multiple alarms are called in and an incident escalates, it will be necessary to increase RIT Group resources.

DUTIES ONCE ARRIVING ON SCENE:

RIT Company reports to Side Alpha with the necessary RIT Equipment.

RIT Company corrects any immediate safety hazards including, but not limited to the following:

- * Correcting improper placement of ladders.
- * Clearing ventilated windows and sashes fully, to include removing air conditioners, curtains and blinds
- * Correcting hose lines with kinks or that are causing a tripping hazard

- * Notifying the Incident Commander or Safety Officer of any dangerous actions being performed on the fireground.
- * Notifying the Incident Commander or Safety Officer of any hazards that could not be corrected

DEPLOYMENT OF RIT FOR A DOWNED FIREFIGHTER:

Actions by Incident Commander:

- * The IC will utilize the MAYDAY Guideline
- * RIT will only be deployed upon orders from the Incident Commander
- * The IC shall deploy RIT to the last known location of the downed firefighter
- * The IC shall ensure proper resources are allocated to the RIT Group for deployment
- * If another officer is available to assist, the IC should give strong consideration on transferring Incident command to become the RIT Group Supervisor, or the IC should appoint another officer as the RIT Group Supervisor

In the event of a MAYDFAY rescue situation, the initial RIT Company (3rd arriving Engine Company) will likely be utilized as “RIT Recon” and more resources may need to be deployed to extract the downed firefighter.

RIT can only be terminated when the structure is no longer considered an IDLH environment.