

MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM -DIVISION XII



Policy – Practices – Guidelines Manual

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Title: Common Terminology

Scope

Creates a procedure for the assignment, duties, responsibilities, and deployment and priority of the first incoming chief officers.

PURPOSE

The use of consistent and common terminology when operating in any command role and adequate accounting for personnel must be employed by all members when working at an incident.

1.0 Definitions

1.1 Incident Command – Has overall responsibility for the incident.

1.2 Interior (Offensive)- coordinates interior crews and keeps track of searches and fire suppression. This is to be implemented for an offensive mode fire.

1.3 Operations (Defensive)- Takes over directing all tactical operations on the fireground during a defensive operation and requests needed resources from command.

1.4 Safety/ Rescue- The Safety command position is a mandatory assignment that shall conduct an immediate evaluation of the structure, fire conditions, company operations, and incident strategy being utilized.

1.5 RIT – Directs the tactical operations of the rapid intervention team.

1.6 Plans/Aide/Scribe – Assists the IC with keeping track of companies on the fireground.

2.0 Guidelines and Procedures

2.1 Chief Officers and those in an acting capacity will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions of this SOG.

2.2 Chief Officers will conduct training to ensure that all members under their command understand this SOG.

2.3 It is the responsibility of all members to have a thorough knowledge of this SOG.

2.4 **Incident Command:** The incident command staff position will direct all tactical operations on the fireground, switch all operations to a pre-designated fireground/tactical channel, monitor both the tactical and main dispatch channels, and request additional resources from dispatch. The IC is also responsible for backfilling any position that alters to another i.e., the Safety Chief becomes the Rescue Chief in the event of a MAYDAY, the vacated position of Safety requires replacement.

- Radio Designation "Command"

2.5 **Interior:** The interior command position shall be implemented for an offensive-mode fire. It is a priority for assessing tactical conditions further, coordinating the fire attack with multiple companies, controlling interior communications, accounting for all interior company operations, and assessing risk with the incident commander.

- Radio Designation "Interior"

2.6 **Operations:** The operation command staff position is to be implemented for a defensive-mode fire or whenever an incident escalates to a level that may require additional management oversight.

- Radio Designation "Operations or OPS"

2.7 **Safety:** The safety command position assignment is a mandatory position that must be assigned as soon as possible. For any structure fire, the Safety command position shall conduct an immediate evaluation of the structure, fire conditions, company tactics, and incident strategy being used. All actions taken by the Safety command position shall involve the responsibilities of the Incident Safety Officer.

- Radio designation: "SAFETY"

Safety shall assume the Rescue command position upon a "Mayday" incident. The Incident Safety command position shall be replaced upon the arrival of an extra alarm command officer.

- Radio designation: "RESCUE"

2.8 **Rapid Intervention Team (RIT):** The RIT command staff position will coordinate with the RIT company and develop an Incident Action Plan (IAP) for a potential MAYDAY incident. In the event of a MAYDAY incident, the RIT chief will move to the interior and command RIT operations with the RIT company.

- Radio Designation "RIT"

**Please note that the Interior command position will remain in command of Fire Suppression activities.

2.9 **Plans/Aide/Scribe:** The plans command staff position will be responsible for accountability on the fireground including updating the Incident Command Board, handling communications with the primary dispatch center, providing information to the RIT chief or company as needed, and supporting Incident Command.

- Radio Designation "Plans/Aide/Scribe"

2.10 **Command Staff Deployment.**

Upon receiving the alarm each Command Officer will report to command for their assignment.

It is the common understanding that all chief officers or those acting in this capacity unless otherwise predesignated will report in full gear, and SCBA.

Upon receipt of an assignment, the command staff is expected to communicate their assignment over the air to provide all companies operating on the fireground with the necessary information regarding whom to report to. "Chief 1 will be Interior or "D/C 81 will be Safety."

3.0 Attachments.

None Listed