

## MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM -DIVISION XII


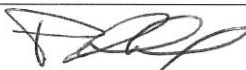
### Policy – Practices – Guidelines Manual

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Title: MAYDAY

### SCOPE

- The MABAS Division 12 MAYDAY terms will provide exclusive terms for any personnel in danger on the fireground.
- The goal of this guideline is to create a procedure to be used by a firefighter who becomes aware of or is involved in a life-threatening situation requiring immediate assistance.
- Provide immediate and appropriate response to Mayday.
- It is critical that a clear and consistent method of calling for assistance is used by all members when operating at an incident.
- Compliment the MABAS Division 12 RIT S.O.G.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the MABAS Division XII Mayday policy establish clear guidelines for when and how to declare a life-threatening emergency, signaling the need for immediate rescue efforts by using the code word "Mayday" when a firefighter is trapped, lost, or seriously injured, or facing imminent danger, ensuring a coordinated response to rapidly extract them from the hazardous situation

#### 02-1 Definitions

- 1.1 Mayday:** The recognized term for a firefighter that is missing, trapped, lost or in distress. Radio designation: "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday" (repeated 3 times) Also used if a member sees another member who is in need of assistance.

**1.2 Mayday** – to be used when a firefighter(s) is in danger, such as:

- Injured and in need of immediate assistance
- Lost or missing
- Trapped
- Out of SCBA air
- Any circumstances that can seriously injure a firefighter(s)
- To be used by any firefighter who identifies another firefighter(s) who may be in any of the above situations.

**1.3 Personnel Accountability Report (PAR):** A Roll Call procedure initiated by the Incident Commander to confirm that all members who were operating in a hazardous area are located and physically accounted for.

**1.4 Emergency Traffic:** An announcement initiated by any member operating at an emergency incident that a dangerous or life safety event is imminent or has already occurred. These events include, but are not limited to:

- Structural collapse
- Structural integrity issues (for example: weakened building components, holes in floors, loose coping, dangerous chimneys, etc.) buildings under construction.
- Going from offensive to defensive mode.
- Loss of water
- Companies working in collapse zone
- Direction of master streams
- Notification of hazardous chemicals / materials.
- Any change in the incident or area that may place members in significant danger (for example: flashover, structural collapse etc.)
- Locating a fire victim.

Refer to MABAS Communications – *Audible Warning at Emergency Incident Scenes* Index# C-01-05.01 (10-18-2006).

## 02-2 Procedures

**2.1** The term “Mayday, Mayday, Mayday” shall be used by members on the incident scene who become aware of, or involved in, an immediate life-threatening situation requiring immediate assistance. Examples include the following:

- A member or company becomes lost, trapped or injured. That member or officer would announce “Mayday, Mayday, Mayday” then provide the details in section 5.2
- A member sees another member become trapped or injured.
- Reserve air alarm activates and member is lost or unable to exit the structure
- A member gets separated from their company and is lost

## 2.2 Calling a MAYDAY

2.2.1 When a member requests a Mayday on the radio, the word “Mayday” will be repeated 3 times. “MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY”

2.2.2 The members must tell the IC on the radio the following items at minimum (LIP):

- L - Location: Probable or last known location of firefighter
- I - Identification: Firefighter’s name, rank, and assignment (assigned company)
- P - Problem: The reason for the mayday

**Example radio transmission:** “Mayday, Mayday, Mayday” “This is firefighter Smith from engine 100, I am in a second-floor hallway, and I am separated from my company and low on air.”

2.2.3 Not the preferred but another acceptable acronym for the MAYDAY call (**LUNAR**):

- **L- location**
- **U- unit**
- **N- name**
- **A- air supply**
- **R- resources/help needed**

2.2.4 The Incident Commander should acknowledge the Mayday on the radio, suspend all other radio traffic, and ask the member calling the Mayday to give information about the issue the member is having