## FIRST IN UNIT TRENCH RESCUE

## MABAS Division 2 Operational Checklist #31-F

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	Type of Strategy: Rescue Reco	overy – secure site waits for TRT
Arrival Assessment	☐ Ensure FD personnel, co-workers, family members and bystanders do not enter the trench.	Move all non-essential personnel away from trench edge.
	□ 1 <sup>st</sup> in officer approach from narrowest end and survey situation conducting a risk benefit analysis □ Locate site foreman, co-worker or reliable bystander and keep a CP □ Shutdown all equip that poses vibration hazard within 300′ (except de-watering equipment in trench) □ Determine current depth of trench	Attempt to establish communication with patient from outside trench  Determine last seen point and number of victims  Determine initial depth of trench prior to collapse
Scene Evaluation	☐ If victim is partially buried, lower lifeline and instruct victim to tie it around themselves. (NOT FOR VICTIM LIFTING)	Obtain atmospheric monitoring results if taken by contractor
	☐ Mark victims last known location with dry-chem extinguisher	☐ Initiate atmospheric monitoring
	☐ ID spoil pile or other superimposed loads that need to be moved. Spoil should be moved min. 4' from trench edge	Determine what atmospheric conditions might exist given the location of the trench (landfill, septic filed, etc)
	Determine if any electrical, mechanical and/or chemical hazards exist	Determine if workers performed any hazard control precautions prior to collapse
	Determine the type of work being performed in the trench and associated hazards	