

MOUNTAIN BROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Rapid Intervention Crew(s)

SIGNED: _____
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Policy: The purpose of this policy is to provide additional safety for firefighters at emergency incidents by establishing a Rapid Intervention Crew(s) to provide immediate rescue or other assistance.

Purpose: To establish standard guidelines and procedures that will serve to provide a safe working environment and to reduce the risk of injury or death as a result of Department operations at emergency incidents. This will provide guidelines for affecting the rescue of personnel who become lost, trapped, or disoriented during incident operations when establishing Rapid Intervention Crews.

Procedure:

A. A Rapid Intervention Team (minimum of 4 firefighters) will be established when operations are being performed in an IDLH atmosphere as soon as is practicable.

B. The establishment of a Rapid Intervention Crew(s) is the responsibility of the Incident Commander and crew size will be based on the following:

1. Incident type
2. Building construction and size
3. Number of personnel operating within the IDLH atmosphere
4. Access/egress points
5. Geographical size

C. Incident Commander Responsibilities:

1. Establish a RIC and appoint team leader.
2. Select a RIC staging area (consideration should be given to the following - multi-sided view, proximity to points of access/egress, distance away from noise, and low traffic areas).
3. Brief RIC Team Leader
4. Complete IC's Rapid Intervention Crew Checklist.
5. RIC shall not be assigned to routine fire fighting activities.
6. In the event of a RIC deployment, the IC shall move incident operations to another tactical channel, only the firefighter(s) being rescued and RIC operations will remain on the original channel. IC should consider appointing an Operations Officer to command rescue operations.
7. Obtain PAR on secondary TAC channel.

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8. IC shall assign personnel to assist the RIC with the rescue effort.
9. IC shall provide personnel to establish a second RIC when the original RIC has been deployed.

D. RIC Team Leader Responsibilities:

1. Report to IC for briefing
2. Conduct "RIC Incident Size-up" and consider access/egress points.
3. Select appropriate equipment necessary to affect a rescue of a lost, trapped, or disoriented member (place on yellow RIC tarp)
5. Complete RIC Team Leader's Checklist.
6. Return to the Incident Command Post throughout the incident, or until RIC deployment.