

Emergency Operations SOG 291
RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM

1. SCOPE: The scope of this policy is to protect department members in case of a structural collapse or other life-threatening incident.
2. PURPOSE: The purpose of the Rapid Intervention Team ("RIT") is to provide rapid rescue for structural firefighting crews operating at an emergency scene. The incident commander is responsible for establishing the RIT during the first alarm assignment of every structural incident. The RIT shall stay as a team until such time as the IC releases them from their assignment.
3. TERMINOLOGY:

RIT	Rapid Intervention Team
PAR	Personnel Accountability Report
"MAYDAY"	A priority radio message that has absolute priority. All radio traffic must cease until the priority transmission has been given.

4. POLICY: The RIT shall consist of one (1) officer, three (3) firefighters and one engineer. The officer is responsible for assembling the minimal equipment required. A company assigned as the RIT must report to the IC with the minimal equipment listed below. The RIT cannot be used to relieve another crew unless a replacement team ("RIT") has been established. The tools and water supply needed by the RIT is dependent on location, conditions, extent and involvement of the incident. The RIT officer will constantly evaluate conditions and monitor all radio communications.
5. MINIMAL EQUIPMENT:

Tarp (tool placement	1-1/2" attack line
SCBA (each member)	5 spare air bottles
One (1) complete SCBA RIT bag	Flat head axe/halligon tool
Rope 100-ft	Hand lights
Termo-image camera	Stokes Basket
Hand held radios for each member	Slug hammer

Based on a size-up by the RIT officer other needed equipment may be, but not limited to, folding ladder, saws, spanner belts, or other additional equipment needed and preplan of the building, if available.

If command or a sector officer receives a "MAYDAY" message from a firefighter(s), or loses radio contact with a crew, the IC will immediately request a personnel accountability report ("PAR") of all crews operating on the fire ground. If a crew cannot be contacted, they are considered "lost". Command will:

- (1) Send the RIT to the last known location of the missing firefighter(s).
- (2) Request "MAYDAY" and broadcast that firefighter(s) is missing and every effort shall be made to locate and remove the missing members.

Shift fire ground priorities to locating and removing the lost firefighter(s). Firefighting operations that are controlling the fire shall not be compromised.