

Lincoln County Fire and Rescue Association

Standard Operating Guideline (SOG)

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Title: Trapped or Disoriented Firefighter

Purpose: In the unintended event that a firefighter is to become trapped or disoriented inside of an active structure fire or other active scene, the Incident Commander (IC) must rapidly deploy assistance in the form of a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) to increase the chance of survivability of that firefighter(s). This complies with the OSHA 2-In, 2-Out rule of having a team ready for the single purpose of firefighter rescue if a threat occurs. Breathing air is typically the limiting factor of survivability.

Activation: When a firefighter becomes trapped or disoriented, they shall broadcast over the Tactical radio channel MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY and state the following:

- What has occurred
- Detailed Location (Division, floor, on/off hoseline, team, etc.)
- Specific Threat (under debris, lost, fallen to basement, etc.)
- Remaining SCBA air volume
- Activate their PASS device to gain attention

Incident Commander:

- Shall immediately deploy an RIT team to the last known location and immediately call for an ADDITIONAL ALARM for another department to assist.
- Shift ALL OTHER FIRE SCENE RADIO TRAFFIC to an adjacent Tactical channel to isolate the victim(s) and rescuers.
- Shall immediately put in place a RIT operations officer.

RIT Team: Shall hastily perform the following (Minimum of 2, 4 personnel preferred.):

- Quickly enter as a team with radio contact.
- Carry tools for forcible entry, extra SCBA air source and search rope for fast egress.
- Perform a fast advance on hoseline, wall or an audible alerting PASS device.
- Advise the IC upon locating the firefighter(s) and call for any needed assistance.
- Extricate and remove the firefighter to the nearest exit (window, door, opening) and notify the IC immediately when all members are clear from the threat and structure.
- Address any injuries properly.