



GLASTONBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES



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SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY

RELATED GUIDELINES: FDO-201; FDO-202; FDO-204; FDO-205; FDO-206; FDO-207

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Section I -- Introduction

A. Objective

An assembly of two or more firefighters that serve as a back-up to a crew of interior firefighters for the purpose of rescuing in the event a firefighter(s) becomes trapped or is in danger while working within an IDLH atmosphere.

B. Applicability

All interior certified firefighters of the Glastonbury Fire Department when the incident involves an IDLH atmosphere or incipient stage of a fire.

C. References

Town of Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS -- General Operating Guideline

Section II -- Guideline

A 2/OUT team of at least two (2) members shall be in place during offensive operations prior to entry of the initial team into an IDLH.

GUIDELINE

Upon a size-up that clearly indicates an unknown, potential or actual IDLH situation, which involves the probability of employing an offensive strategy, there shall be a minimum of two identically equipped and protected (PPE & SCBA) personnel specifically assigned to remain directly out of the *IDLH Area* (not necessarily the structure). This crew shall have a complement of essential tools and when tactically necessary and/or appropriate a 1-3/4" hand line. The equipment shall be based upon the type of hazard the members are at risk of with regard to collapse, egress cutoff, rapid fire development, etc. Equipment may include hose line(s), ladder(s), forcible entry or extrication tools, spare SCBA/bottles, radios, thermal imager, ropes lights, etc.)

Once designated and appropriately established the 2OUT team *shall announce*, over the fire ground channel in use, *that 2OUT is established*. 2OUT shall maintain visual or voice communication with the IDLH Interior team at all times and shall track the location of the team(s) in the IDLH

2OUT will remain intact and able to provide emergency rescue assistance to interior team(s) if necessary. One of the 2OUT members is permitted to take on other roles provided that those roles are not critical to the safety and health of any other member working the incident. Any task that the outside firefighter performs while in rescue standby must not interfere with the responsibility to account for members in the hazard area. Any task, function, duty or evolution being performed by the standby member must be such that the work can be abandoned if rescue is needed.

Once the initial entry team is relieved or the offensive operations become more involved than that which can be handled by the first alarm assignment the Incident Commander shall create a Rapid Intervention Team (NFPA 1500) with at least two (2) crew members assigned.

Section III- Approval

Fire Chief Michael P. King

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