



GLASTONBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES



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SUBJECT: RAPID INTERVENTION TEAMS
RELATED GUIDELINES: FDO-201, FDO-202, FDO-203, FDO-204, FDO-205, FDO-207

Section I -- Introduction

A. Objective

The objective of this guideline is to provide a team of firefighters for the specific task of locating and rescue of firefighters in distress.

B. Applicability

This guideline applies to all department members when operating at the scene of an emergency incident.

C. References

OSHA MANDATES
NFPA 1500, 1561

Section II -- Guideline

A Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) should be immediately implemented upon arrival at the scene of potential need.

A Rapid Intervention Team shall consist of two** interior firefighters with full protective clothing, SCBA, and outlined equipment in FDO-207.

The number and location of rapid intervention teams shall be at the discretion of the Incident Commander.

The Incident Commander may utilize the RIT to place ground/aerial ladders, provide size-up information, and ensure clear paths of egress provided these tasks do not compromise the team's readiness for immediate deployment.

In the event that a RIT is utilized the Incident Commander shall immediately make appropriate provisions for their replacement.

**A team of two firefighters shall be the absolute minimum allowed, but Incident Commanders should make every attempt to have a team of at least four if at all possible.

Section III – Duties of Members Assigned Rapid Intervention

Companies dispatched to function as RIT shall proceed on an emergency response.

Personnel assigned to RIT will immediately equip themselves as outlined in SOG FDO-207 and report to the Incident Commander.

RIT shall monitor all applicable radio channels (*both Dispatch and Fire Ground Channels*) for possible distress calls. RIT should also monitor factors such as progress of operations, general locations and assignments of operating units, condition of operating units.

In the event of a firefighter(s) in distress or missing, RIT shall be deployed to the location for rescue or to the last known location to begin a search.

Section IV - Approval

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