



GLASTONBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES



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CATEGORY: EMERGENCY OPERATIONS - GENERAL
SUB-CATEGORY: FIRE GROUND OPERATIONS
SUBJECT: MAN DOWN (MAYDAY WITH NO RESPONSE)
RELATED GUIDELINES: FDO-502; FDO-504

Section I – Introduction

A. Objective

To identify the method and means to address a Man Down situation

B. Applicability

Man Down shall be the acknowledged terminology alerting operating resources and Fire Dispatch of a firefighter is in distress and not responding. All attempts to communicate with the firefighter are assumed to have gone without response, a personal distress alert has been activated and there is no communications with the firefighter or a firefighter is unaccounted for following a PAR check.

C. References

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

Section II – Guideline

1. An immediate “URGENT” will be transmitted by Command alerting all personnel that an emergent situation exists (example: ALL UNITS FROM COMMAND OPERATING ON MAIN STREET ...URGENT...A MAN DOWN IS BEING TRANSMITTED BY PORTABLE/1B). The Incident Commander will then announce the last known location of the firefighter down (ALL UNITS FROM COMMAND...LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF/1B IS THE SECOND FLOOR).
2. Operating resources will maintain radio silence during the Incident Commander’s broadcast. The Incident Commander will then marshal resources to address the Man Down situation.
3. It is imperative that personnel do not abort their current assignment until reassigned by Command. Resources should advise Command if they are in position to begin a Search & Rescue effort but should never do so without the knowledge and approval of Command.

- 4. Command will attempt to secure an aide and request an additional alarm to provide search & rescue support.
- 5. Command will assign a RIT to the search effort. The RIT will be assigned a separate channel (channel 6) for direct communications amongst the team and the Incident Commander. RIT will be comprised of four members (1 company officer or team leader and three others). The Officer or team leader will be the primary communications link for the team.
- 6. Upon locating the missing firefighter the Officer or team leader will advise Command of their location, firefighter condition and additional resources necessary. If possible, Command will also be notified of intended exit point to expedite transport.
- 7. EMS will be situated in close proximity to the exit point to provide ALS care.
- 8. Following firefighter removal, a PAR will be conducted.

Section III- Approval

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