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PURPOSE

This plan outlines the policies and procedures for fire department personnel during interior firefighting operations at structure fires where an Immediate Danger to Life and Health atmosphere exists.

DEFINITIONS

Immediate Danger to Life and Health (IDLH) Atmosphere The Occupational Safety and Health Administration defines an IDLH atmosphere for interior structure fires to be an advanced fire that has spread inside of the building where high temperatures, heat, and dense smoke are present.

Incipient Stage Fire Any structure fire where the fire has not spread, SCBA is not needed, and can easily be extinguished with a portable fire extinguisher.

Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) A crew of at least two firefighters fully dressed in full personal protective equipment (PPE) and wearing SCBA, who are stationed outside the structure ready to enter in an emergency.

OPERATION

Whenever firefighters become involved in any operation which requires entry into any structure where a fire has developed beyond the Incipient Stage, and an IDLH atmosphere may be encountered, SCBA shall be required and the following rules will apply.

No entry into the structure will be attempted until a minimum of four (4) firefighters are present at the scene. Two of these firefighters must be stationed outside the structure, and be fully dressed with turnout gear and SCBA. These two firefighters will be the RIT until a formal RIT is put in place.

Firefighters initially designated as the RIT may perform other functions as long as these do not interfere with their capability to immediately respond to an emergency situation.

The pump operator and the incident commander may be counted as the RIT as long as they are fully dressed including SCBA.

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The interior crew must remain in visual or voice contact with each other at all times while involved in interior operations. All interior crews must have a portable radio and be in contact with the incident commander.

If the fire department is faced with a rescue situation where there is a good probability that a successful rescue can be made, and four firefighters are not on the scene, that rescue may be attempted using all safety measures possible, after first notifying communications that a rescue will be attempted. A written report of the circumstances that required the deviation from these guidelines shall be forwarded to the Chief of the Department.