

<i>RAPID INTERVENTION</i>		TROY FIRE DEPT. TACTICAL PLAN 211.09	
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Purpose

The purpose of the Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) is to be immediately available to assist a firefighter who becomes trapped or is otherwise in distress.

Scope

This procedure will apply to all operations where a RIC has been assigned or is needed.

Initial Actions - Phase 1

- Command will be established by the first arriving officer.
- The Incident Commander (IC) will determine the need for a RIC.
 - Interior firefighting beyond incipient stage.
 - IDLH environments.
 - Rescue potential.
 - Hazardous materials mitigation.
- The IC will establish the appropriate level of response.
 - 2 In/2 Out - (Initial Response) - Consists of on-scene personnel performing other functions but ready to perform rapid intervention functions if necessary. This level provides a limited rapid intervention capability during the arrival of firefighting resources. *This is not considered as a Rapid Intervention Crew and does not comply with the recommended standard. 2 In/2 Out must be expanded to a RIC during the formation of interior firefighting operations beyond the incipient stage.*
 - Level I RIC (Benchmark) - There will be a minimum of four personnel assigned to RIC. This single crew is solely assigned to rapid intervention functions. This is appropriate for smaller structures with fires beyond the incipient phase.
 - Level 2 RIC (Benchmark) - Consists of multiple Rapid Intervention Crews assigned to geographical areas (divisions). Level 2 RIC is appropriate for larger structures including multiple family residences, commercial-industrial buildings, etc. Tools and equipment for Level 2 RIC must be flexible as directed by the type and size of the structure and the area and magnitude of fire involvement.
 - RIC crew(s) work under the direction of the RIC Leader / Officer.
- The RIC on scene (Benchmark) - Upon arrival the RIC shall report their arrival to the IC on the appropriate radio talk group / tactical channel. The RIC shall consist of the following:
 - 1) RIC Leader / Officer
 - 1) Navigation / Air Supply crew member
 - 2) Search crew members

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- RIC Equipment Staged (Benchmark – Refer to checklist) - The RIC shall report to the IC or Staging Area Manger, when assigned, with the following minimum tools cache:
 - RIC Air Pack
 - TIC
 - Radios
 - Forcible Entry Tools
 - Rescue Rope
 - Flashlights
- Support Equipment
 - The RIC will establish a hose line supplied by a different water supply than the attack lines.
 - The RIC will determine the placement/location of ground ladders they may need for rescue.
 - The RIC will determine the location of Heavy Rescue (collapse rescue) equipment.
- RIC Assessment (Benchmark – Refer to assessment sheet)
 - 2 In/ 2 Out - May use RIC Assessment sheet
 - Level 1 - Should use RIC Assessment sheet
 - Level 2 - Must use RIC Assessment sheet
- Proactive Assignments (Benchmark)
 - RIC members may perform exterior tasks to improve conditions for self-rescue by interior companies, such as clearing windows, placing escape ladders, removing hose kinks.
 - The RIC must not commit to any task that will hamper a rescue intervention. Any task that would change the fire ground strategy or tactics must be approved by the IC.

RIC Plan Development - Phase 2

- The RIC Leader / Officer will work under the Incident Commander and/or Staging Area Manager and will prepare the RIC Sustained Action Plan.
- The crew will use the RIC assessment sheet and prepare intervention options.
- The crew will prepare the tools and equipment needed to support the plan.
- The RIC Leader / Officer should obtain a site plan and accountability board to track working crews.
- The RIC will remain in the stand-by mode until activated by the IC and/or Staging.
- Once activated, the crew will initiate the RIC action plan for the following reasons:
 - A declared Mayday.

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- Lost/missing fire fighter(s).
- Trapped fire fighter(s)
- Endangered fire fighter(s)

Sustained RIC Actions - Phase 3

- Sustained RIC actions begin when the first RIC is deployed.
- The IC shall request a 2nd Alarm assignment and designate a Level II staging area whenever a RIC deployment occurs.
- The IC shall request a PAR.
- The IC shall establish a Rescue Group and assign a second RIC and additional RIC(s) as needed.
- The IC must switch other firefighting operations to a different talk group / tactical channel and maintain control of firefighting operations.
- The IC shall establish a Medical Group for the treatment and transportation of the injured firefighter(s).
- The RIC Leader / Officer shall control the RIC operations.
- The RIC leader / Officer will implement the action plan to achieve the following benchmarks:
 - Locate
 - Access
 - Stabilize
 - Transfer
- The IC and RIC Leader / Officer will evaluate the action plan and determine its effectiveness as needed.
- The RIC Leader may conduct Personal Accountability Reports as needed to account for RIC members.

RIC Termination - Phase 4

- Upon completion of sustained actions, the RIC will report their status to the IC, then report to Staging and Rehab.
- After Rehab, the RIC will report back to Staging for reassignment if needed.
- The IC and RIC Leader / Officer will determine the need to assign or maintain RIC(s).

RIC CHECKLIST

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- Gather RIC pack and any additional tools that may be needed based on the incident such as:

FROM RIC PACK

- Wire Cutters
- Hacksaw
- Webbing
- Folding Wood Saw
- Utility Knife
- Rope
- Carabiners
- RIC SCBA Bottle

OTHER TOOLS

- Stokes Basket
- Sled from EMS
- Ground Ladders
- Pick Head Axes
- Pike Poles
- Sledge Hammers
- Halligan Bars
- Stretched and charged hose line

- Consider building construction type. (This list is not all-inclusive and may include other equipment.

ORDINARY CONSTRUCTION

- Circular saws with wood blades
- Ventilation chain saws

FIRE RESISTIVE

- Circular saw with metal cutting blades
- Cutting Torch

- Complete a 360 degree walk-around of the building noting size, construction type, location and extent of fire, and means of access and egress.
- Monitor the incident through visual observation and through radio traffic. Maintain an awareness of crew location(s) within the building.
- Set up additional ground ladders if necessary as a means of access/egress.
- Assess the need for additional RIC crew(s) especially in commercial building incidents based on the incident and building size. Communicate with the Safety Officer as necessary.
- Determine which means of access you will use based on crew locations.
- Divide up RIC crew tasks so that you are prepared should the team be activated. Formulate at least a brief action plan prior to activation.

RIC ASSESSMENT

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Firefighting Assessment

Mode: Offensive Defensive Marginal

Tracking

Crew	# Personnel	Location	Assignment	Time In	Time Out

Hazard Assessment

Location: _____

Hazard	Time	Condition	Hazard	Time	Condition
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire			<input type="checkbox"/> Complex Floor Plan		
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoke, Visibility			<input type="checkbox"/> Elevation, Holes, Height		
<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities			<input type="checkbox"/> Egress, Windows, Doors, Bars		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other			<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

Site Assessment

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Structure Type & Occupancy: _____

Construction Materials	Walls:	Floors:	Roof:
Construction Hazards: (Early Collapse, Voids, Rapid Fire Spread, No Ventilation)			
Height/Stories:			
Width:			
Depth/Length:			
Access/Egress:			

Sketch

Benchmarks

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Benchmark	Assignment	Location	Time
RIC Established			
RIC Assessment			
RIC Equip. Staged			
Proactive Assignment			
RIC PAR			
Locate (PAR)			
Access (PAR)			
Stabilize (PAR)			
Transfer (PAR)			