

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines

SUBJECT: RAPID INTERVENTION TEAMS (RITs)

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1.0 POLICY:

It is the policy of East County Fire & Rescue to establish and utilize a Rapid Intervention Team(s) to protect Fire Fighters engaged in hazardous conditions.

2.0 PROCEDURE:

- 2.1** The Incident Commander shall follow the Clark County IMS (Blue Card) to establish a RIT as soon as possible into these events, but must have at least one interior qualified Fire Fighter assigned outside the hazard area (rescue situations: 2-in, 1-out) or at least two interior qualified Fire Fighters assigned outside the hazard area (non-rescue situations: 2-in, 2-out) prior to sending fire attack teams into structures with fire incidents occurring beyond the incipient phase. Examples of such events are:
- 2.1.1** Structure Fires
 - 2.1.2** Haz Mat Incidents
 - 2.1.3** Trench Rescue Incidents
 - 2.1.4** Confined Space Rescue Incidents
 - 2.1.5** Any other incident posing significant risk to Fire Fighters
- 2.2** More RITs may be added due to the size of the building, number of access points used by crews, or complexity of the incident. Think about multiple RITs, if needed.
- 2.3** The IC shall establish a new RIT any time a current RIT is sent in. The IC shall request an additional alarm to provide adequate resources for both Fire Fighter rescue and incident stabilization.
- 2.4** A RIT shall consist of at least two(2) entry-level Fire Fighters immediately available for the rescue of other Fire Fighters. Consider two teams of two Fire Fighters for more options. As manpower allows, or when the incident grows to a 2nd or greater Alarm, raise the minimum RIT staffing to four(4) Fire Fighters.
- 2.5** Fire Fighters assigned to a RIT (first team "On-Deck") will:
- Be ready to immediately enter a building and perform a rescue
 - Have SCBA donned, with mask hanging around neck in the standby mode
 - Be with the IC at the command Post, or where assigned
 - Be closely monitoring radio traffic to know the status of crews on the scene (interior, ventilation, search & rescue, etc.).
 - Respond only when assigned by the IC
 - Have with them the minimum equipment listed below:
 - RIT Bag
 - Spare Radio on MAYDAY channel
 - Forceable entry tools (halligan and flathead axe)
 - Tools to stage as time permits:
 - Silver Tarp
 - Dedicated Hose Line
 - Extrication Tools (power saws, flashlights, long tools)
 - Ladder
 - Other equipment required by Incident Commander