

GLASGOW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guideline

GUIDELINE: MAYDAY			SECTION: 217
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DEFINITION

1. The term Mayday is recognized for when a firefighter is in immediate distress. The term is recognized as a signal that "life is in danger" and "immediate assistance is required".

PROCEDURES

1. All firefighters will be trained in the proper procedures and the "Mayday" parameters to be met to activate a "Mayday"

INCIDENT ACTIONS

1. When one of the "Mayday" parameters is met the firefighter shall initiate the Mayday immediately.
2. The firefighter shall transmit over the radio "Mayday Mayday Mayday".
3. Once the radio transmission of a Mayday occurs all other units should remain radio silent.
4. The Incident Commander shall acknowledge the Mayday call and ask the unit for a L.U.N.A.R report
 - a. Location (as accurately as possible)
 - b. Unit (Engine 3A)
 - c. Name (name of members needing assistance)
 - d. Resources (any special needs or information that may assist RIT in locating and removing the affected crew)
5. The Incident Commander will inform everyone on-scene to switch to another radio channel for incident operations. While members involved in RIT and Mayday operations will remain on the main radio channel.
6. The RIT will be deployed to the firefighters last known location.
7. Command should complete a personnel accountability report (PAR) to ensure that all other members are accounted for.
8. The firefighter that initiated the Mayday call, if able should continue to try self-rescue, unless they are lost then they should activate their PASS alarm and conserve air.
9. Upon location of the firefighter RIT shall notify Incident Command and advise if additional resources are needed.