

GLASGOW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guideline

GUIDELINE: RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM (RIT)			SECTION: 218
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DEFINITION

1. Rapid Intervention Team (RIT): A specifically designated team assigned to provide personnel for the rescue of members operating at emergency incidents if the need should arise.

PROCEDURES

1. A RIT (a minimum of two qualified firefighters) will be established when operations are being performed in an IDLH atmosphere as soon as practicable.
2. RIT is formed for the sole purpose of the rescue of firefighters
3. The establishment of a RIT is the responsibility of the Incident Commander and preferable will consist of more than the minimum of two members.
4. At no time during the incident should members of RIT be assigned other fire ground task, unless the members can either be replaced or the alternate task does not interfere with deployment of the RIT.
5. The RIT can only be terminated when the conditions do not meet the definition of an IDLH or any other situation that requires a RIT has been mitigated.

INCIDENT ACTIONS

1. Immediately after being established the RIT should do a 360 size-up of the incident evaluating:
 - a. Egress points and their availability
 - b. The need for ladders to be set
 - c. Any hidden threats
2. RIT should secure any equipment they feel they may need during the incident
 - a. RIT pack
 - b. Forcible entry, cutting, and breaking tools
 - c. Ladders
 - d. Ropes
 - e. Hand lights
 - f. Anything else the teams feel is necessary
3. Upon the receipt of a "MAYDAY" call, Command will immediately deploy RIT to the firefighter(s) last known location
4. RIT will report directly to the Incident Commander during the incident
5. RIT will give the Incident Commander updates throughout the operation of rescuing a firefighter.