
	STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE			
	OPERATIONS			
	RAPID INTERVENTION TEAMS			
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1.0 Objective

1.1 The purpose of this guideline is to establish procedures for the implementation and operation of a Rapid Intervention Company (RIC) at the scene of an emergency.

2.0 Responsibility

2.1 It is the responsibility of all Department personnel to understand the procedures documented in this Standard Operating Guideline.

3.0 Implementation

3.1 Due to the variety of available personnel of each Department within M.A.B.A.S. Division III, the procedure for implementing a RIC will be up to each individual department. It is stressed that a RIC be implemented at every working fire or at an emergency incident where the Incident Commander feels a RIC is warranted.

3.2 If the incident warrants more than one RIC, multiple RIC's may be formed and assigned as needed.

4.0 Operation

4.1 Companies designated as a RIC will bypass staging and report directly to the Incident Commander.

4.2 The company assigned as a RIC will position their apparatus so as to not interfere with other apparatus operating on the fire scene.

4.3 The RIC will report to the Incident Commander or Command Post with the following tools and equipment: (these are the minimums)

4.3.1 Full turn-out gear including S.C.B.A.

4.3.2 Forcible entry tools (flat head ax, Halligan tool, sledgehammer or maul, short pike pole, saw, etc.)

4.3.3 Portable radio(s), hand light(s), search rope (150 feet minimum), RIC Pack and thermal imager.

4.4 Personnel assigned to the RIC should not be overloaded with equipment because the team must be able to operate quickly, safely, and efficiently.

4.5 Once the RIC reports to the Incident Commander with the above equipment, it should remain in a position that will maximize its readiness on the fireground.

4.6 Companies assigned to the RIC should complete a visual size-up of the building noting any means of egress and exit, portable ladder locations, and exposure problems. **Plan ahead for emergencies.**

4.7 At a high-rise or large industrial building fire, the Incident Commander may choose to relocate the RIC to a position that will offer a quicker response to the hazard area.

4.8 The RIC will be placed into operation at the emergency scene on orders of the Incident Commander **ONLY**.

5.0 Tasks

5.1 The primary task of the RIC is to respond to any firefighter(s) reported in distress, missing, injured, or trapped.



5.2 Primary responsibilities of the RIC will include but not be limited to:

5.2.1 Searching the area where the missing/injured firefighter(s) were last reported.

5.2.2 Following the hose line of lost firefighters to minimize rescue time.

5.2.3 Looking and listening for evidence of lost firefighter(s).

5.2.4 Searching hallways, exterior walls and collapsed areas.

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5.2.5 Monitoring radio transmissions of operating companies.

5.2.6 Reporting all findings and progress to the Incident Commander.

5.3 If the RIC is utilized for another tactical assignment, the team must be replaced by another RIC as soon as possible.

5.4 As the need for the RIC is diminished, this company may be de-activated and assigned to another task or returned to quarters.

6.0 Reference

6.1 Highland Park Fire Department

6.2 NFPA 1710: 5.2.3.2.2 Deployment: Initial Full Alarm Assignment Capability:

Approved:  Fire Chief