

## WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS

<b>OPERATIONAL GUIDELINE</b>	SOG NUMBER: WC.001	FIRE ACCREDITATION NUMBER:
SUBJECT:	EFFECTIVE DATE:	DISTRIBUTION:
Rapid Intervention Team	March 25, 2004	ALL WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS
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	None	

### I. SCOPE:

The scope of this policy is to protect department members in case of a structural collapse or other life-threatening incident.

### II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Rapid Intervention Team (R.I.T.) is to provide rapid rescue for structural firefighting crews operating at an emergency scene. The Incident Commander (I.C.) is responsible for establishing the R.I.T. Team during the first alarm assignment of every structural incident. The R.I.T. Team shall stay as a team until such time as the I.C. releases them from their assignment.

### III. TERMINOLOGY:

I.C. – Incident Commander

R.I.T. – Rapid Intervention Teams

P.A.R. – Personnel Accountability Report

MAYDAY – A priority radio message that has absolute priority. All radio traffic must cease until the priority transmission has been given and acknowledged.

### IV. POLICY:

The R.I.T. Team shall consist of one (1) officer and three (3) firefighters. The officer is responsible for assembling the minimal equipment required. A company assigned to the R.I.T. Team must report to the I.C. with the minimal equipments listed below. The R.I.T. Team cannot be used to relieve another crew unless a replacement team (R.I.T.) has been established. The tools and water supply needed by the R.I.T. Team is dependent on location, conditions, extent and involvement of the incident. **The R.I.T. officer will constantly evaluate conditions and monitor all radio communications.**

**Minimal Equipment:**

1 Officer (Team Leader), 3 firefighters	Hose line
S.C.B.A./face-piece (each member).	Spare air bottle (2216 psi.)
S.C.B.A. – complete with face piece or RIT bag	Rope 100 ft. minimum
Irons (flat head axe/Halligan tool)	Hand lights
Thermal Image Camera (if available)	Stokes Basket (if available)
Orange Tarp (tool placement)	2 Portable radios

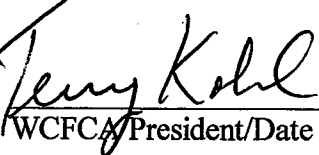
Based on a size up by the R.I.T. officer, other equipment needed may be, but not limited to, folding ladder, saws, spanner belt, or any additional equipment needed and preplan of the building if available.


If the I.C. or a Sector Officer receives a “MAYDAY” message from a firefighter(s), or loses radio contact with a crew, the I.C. will immediately request a P.A.R. of all crews operating on the fire ground. If a crew cannot be contacted they are to be considered “lost”. Command will:

1. Send the R.I.T. to the last known location of the missing firefighter(s).
2. Request “MAYDAY” and broadcast that firefighter(s) is/are missing. Every effort shall be made to locate and remove the missing member(s).

Fire ground priorities will shift to locating and removing the lost firefighter(s). Firefighting operations that are controlling the fire shall not be compromised.

By order of:

 5-27-04  
WCFC President/Date

  
WCFTOA President/Date