

Fire Chiefs and Firefighter Association of York County

Rapid Intervention Team Response Guidelines

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Purpose:

Establish minimum guidelines for a station to follow. To ensure you get highly trained and experienced personnel to a fire ground. Establish a formalized RIT team or to add to a RIT team to form a RIT GROUP. This will ensure in the event of a MAYDAY a competent, trained, crew will be on hand to mitigate the hazard present.

Accountability:

- The recommendations presented are not intended to exclude anyone. But merely set a base line of minimal standards.
- A yearly inspection will be performed in order for a company to be listed and recommended by YCDES as a RIT station.
- If someone doesn't meet the minimum standards please contact a RIT committee member and we will do everything in our power to get you up to the minimum standard.
- There is a lot of people relying on your company for RIT. If you know you don't have sufficient crew at the time of the call please call next due right away. You are greatly delaying the process by waiting for fail time to get nothing rather than getting the next RIT company started.

Training Levels:

All training requirements listed hereon should be approved by PSFA, HACC, Bucks PSTC, or an equivalent authority approved by the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Assoc.

Required Minimum:

- 9 members on active roster must have a 16 hour RIT class.
- All members acting as RIT crew members must have Essentials of firefighting or approved equivalent
- 9 members on active roster must have a 16 hour Structural Burn Session

Recommended:

- Minimum of 3 years as an interior firefighter
- A second 16 hour RIT Class
- Ropes and Rigging
- Firefighter Survival
- 8 hours minimal of documented RIT specific in house training per year.

Equipment:

All equipment listed heron should be in working order, and approved by NFPA or any safety recommendations by manufacture in place.

Required Equipment:

- Forcible Entry Tools (chain saw, K12 type saw, Irons, etc.)
- Hooks of various type and length
- Pw Extinguisher
- Spare SCBA or RIT PACK
- Search Rope
- One radio per Team Member
- TIC(thermal imaging camera)
- Ladders

Recommended Equipment:

- Porta Power/Hydraulic Tools
- Rigging Equipment
- Life Safety rope
- High Rise Pack
- Stokes
- AED
- Battery Powered Saw-z-All

Individual Team Member Equipment

Minimum Recommended:

- Wire Cutters
- Flashlight
- Multi-tool
- Personal Webbing 20ft section with Carabineer

Crew Size:**Required Minimum Crew Size:**

2 RIT certified with 2 interior qualified personnel able to respond according to station policy.

Recommended Crew Minimum:

4 RIT certified

*If a RIT station reaches response check and only has a minimum of 2 RIT personnel. They can call command or the responding chief and seek permission to respond and add the next closest RIT station to back them up. No specifics will be requested the CAD will pull the closest station. This will allow a "2 out" be set-up and some initial RIT responsibilities be accomplished.

On Scene Duties:

Required Minimal Actions Taken:

- Report to Command with Accountability Tags
- All crew members will be in Full PPE and air packs on
- All required equipment will be with crew and any other equipment deemed necessary
- Conduct a 360 of the building(permission from command can be given to secure utilities while conducting 360)
- The remainder of crew members will set-up RIT staging area at direction of command.
- Upon approval from command RIT will place ladders, ensure egress points, assist with hose kinks, and any other non-involved fire ground duties.

Upon Receipt of a distress call or Mayday:

- The incident commander should call for an announcement from YCDES(if this doesn't occur have the RIT officer ensure command heard the call)
- The fire ground units will change to the announced frequency, the RIT and crew member or members as well as command will stay on the channel.
- Command will deploy the RIT
- RIT officer should call early for additional resources that may be needed (additional RIT, ATR, Heavy Equipment, Etc.)
- Command should have additional responding crews assigned as back-up to the initial RIT.
- Command should ensure fire ground activities continue this is imperative to the RIT sustainability and trapped crew members.

