



# Risk Management Plan

Medford Fire-Rescue and Fire District 3



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## **DEFINITIONS:**

"Actions in a calculated manner" require the following:

- Incident Command established
- Proper personal protective equipment
- Accountability system established
- Safety procedures in place
- Continuous risk assessment by all members

The purpose of this plan is to describe the Risk Management Plan regarding risk assessment and safety management of emergency incidents. It is important that all members operating at incidents operate in a safe manner, and as such, all members are expected to operate under the following Risk Management System.

## **PROCEDURE:**

All operating personnel shall employ the Risk Management Plan during **all** emergency operations on **every** emergency incident. This application will be continuously re-assessed throughout the incident.

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When considering the SURVIVAL profile of any victims, members must consider the conditions present in the "compartment" or area of fire involvement or other conditions affecting survival. A fire in a rear bedroom of a house, with smoke throughout the house may allow a survivable environment if a search and rescue effort is initiated quickly. We may extend risk, in a calculated manner, with these conditions.

A well-involved building would likely represent a zero survivability profile and little property to be saved, and members should typically avoid a high risk offensive fire fight in these conditions.

Victims buried by a trench collapse or under water for 10 minutes or more, would be unlikely to survive therefore an extremely cautious and a well-planned, safe, recovery operation is required. Rescuers should consider notification time, dispatch processing time, response time, and time on-scene as part of the calculation.

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