

# TECH. RESCUE – TRENCH RESCUE

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS: TRT PLAN ALSO AVAILABLE

- **Where death of the victim is certain, no fire personnel will be allowed into the excavation prior to a change in mode and until the excavation is fully shored.**
- Ashland Fire maintains the regional Trench Rescue resources
- Notify HAZMAT Duty Officer (BC2) and the TRT Duty Officer (BC3).

## PROTOCOL:

1. Complete Arrival Report and assume command.
2. Identify the exact location of the trench/ excavation and determine:
  - a. How many victims do we have and what is their status?
  - b. Potential access points.
  - c. Any easy solutions?
  - d. Consult with Battalion 1, TRT / HAZMAT duty officers.
3. **Initial Actions:**
  - **Position all apparatus at least 200 feet from rescue location.**
  - **Shut off all heavy equipment in the area to reduce vibrations.**
  - **Establish a perimeter and deny entry. Move other employees / rescuers back and provide them support.**
  - **If safe to do so, begin air monitoring inside the excavation to improve air quality as needed.**
  - **Order an emergency utility locate through ECSO.**
4. Initiate rescue operations:
  - Establish safety officer
  - Verify rescue effort is within equipment and personnel capability.
  - Ensure rescue group has Plan 'A' and Plan 'B' and that they are known.
  - Request specialty equipment ASAP. **(see public works protocol).**
5. **FIRST ARRIVING Trench Rescue Technician report to IC and will likely assume RESCUE GROUP LEADER.**