

RIT – ACTIVATION

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Upon a MAYDAY take immediate action in coordination with the IC.
- Crews already working are typically in the best position to affect an immediate search/rescue – coordinate with the IC.
- RIT Officer is best kept with the RIT team and task level. They know the building, the crew, and the fire. They are also well equipped to be in the IDLH. A Rescue Group Supervisor should be assigned when additional crews are deployed (when there is a group).

PROTOCOL:

1. Upon MAYDAY, all RIT members will marshal at the RIT gear cache unless otherwise directed.
 - Quick Briefing and then execute plan coordinated with IC or Rescue Group Supervisor

Equipment Assignment During a RIT ACTIVATION		
<i>Positional Considerations (May adjust as necessary)</i>		
OFFICER (Lead and Communicate)	ENGINEER (Air)	FIREFIGHTER(S) (Packaging)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thermal Imager • Search Rope • Tool of choice • Light 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIT bag • Light • Tool of choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORCA bag • Irons • Light

TASKS AT DOWNED FIREFIGHTER

- Have the Officer/Leader step back (don't get sucked into task level) – Be able to communicate effectively and work up a plan
 - All interior rescue communications with Rescue Group Supervisor will go through the Officer/Leader
 - Control the PASS alarm
 - Manage SCBA air to downed FF and rescuers until outside of the building
 - Package the downed Firefighter(s)
2. The officer of the RIT company may initially operate either in the building at the task level or outside in a hands-off management style. It will be dependent on MAYDAY circumstances, how many victims and their location, how much RIT pre-activation work has occurred, how familiar the RIT is with the building and scene operations, expected rescue duration, and how many rescuers are available and needing to be led and managed. For anything other than a simple grab-and-go, a Rescue Group Supervisor should be assigned and the Firefighter Rescue Communications Plan established (see MAYDAY Management Protocol).