

RIT – PRE-ACTIVATION

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- The RIT is expected to be ready to activate and perform the assigned tasks in this protocol quickly and efficiently.
- Know your role. Move with purpose. Critical events have little discretionary time. Do your assigned jobs, don't ask for permission. If outside your role, communicate – don't freelance.
- Stay off your air unless deployed inside the building.
- An entire company is the optimal RIT. Two person teams can work but are less favorable.

PROTOCOL:

1. Each person on the company has assigned jobs.
2. The default radio channel the RIT company will use as a **chat channel is TAC 5.**
3. Your radio designator prior to deployment is "RIT" or "8105 / RIT".
 - Upon an activation you will become the RESCUE GROUP if more companies are added.
4. **Take any opportunity to make the fireground safer - Coordinate and communicate.**
5. Remain available while conducting your prevention activities. The IC can use you for activities like laddering, shagging hose, recon, utilities, etc.
6. Closely monitor operational radio channels and incident accountability.

	OFFICER	ENGINEER	FIREFIGHTER(S)
WHILE ENROUTE	Get pre-fire plan Monitor Radio Traffic to develop situation awareness.	Maneuver as close to the scene as possible. You will need a lot of gear.	Review RIT protocol and refresh crew.
ARRIVAL	Assess current fireground situation and operations. Note building and fire conditions.		Assess current fireground situation and operations. Note building and fire conditions.
WALKING UP TO THE SCENE - Fix these ASAP	Have two radios and the TIC Know the orientation of the structure, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, David, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the Attack Eng. have a water supply? (Make sure there is a plan.) Does the attack pumper have a full tank? (NO? - advise pumping engineer) Is there a second attack line stretched? (NO? - Pull it now) 	Attain the following equipment from your engine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RIT Pack from your engine RIT Tarp (2) Hand lanterns
NEXT	Meet with IC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get scene operational update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What's happening now? What does the IC anticipate? Who will be RIT Group Sup? IC priorities for softening? 	Assess scene lighting. Improve as necessary if fast. Otherwise note and communicate needs at crew RIT size-up. Then: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help firefighter(s) fill out gear cache and confirm that RIT pack is operational 	Establish RIT gear cache in a good spot. Finish gathering gear (off your engine when possible): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd TIC off BC rig 2nd RIT pack off BC rig. Search rope IRONS 6' NYRH (2) More portable hand lanterns. Any other incident specific equipment.
RIT separates and performs 360 survey.			
Take notes of issues that will require attention. Immediately fix any targets of opportunity while surveying the fire, building and scene. Utilize your TAC channel during the 360 to coordinate and reduce duplication of effort. MEET UP AND PERFORM CREW RIT SIZE UP.			
NEXT	Give IC update and status and assist with softening.	Begin softening operations identified but not yet complete.	Begin softening operations identified but not yet complete.
Example 'Targets of Opportunity' and Softening Opportunities:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinked hose line / bulk of hose at engine not door Poorly placed hose lines; hose not ready to advance Broken glass not cleared from windows Light exits with lanterns; improve incident lighting Throw ladders – secure those already thrown if necessary 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place Life Hazard Tape where needed Remove security bars / gates Secure utilities Stretch additional hose lines Help IC maintain situation awareness Force exterior doors and keep closed 	