

TECH. RESCUE – ROPE RESCUE

KEY CONSIDERATIONS: TRT PLAN ALSO AVAILABLE

- TRT should be considered for all night or remote operations in the vertical environment.
- Establish an “Edge” rescuer / safety officer.
- Define the “edge” and “departure point” options early.
- Recon and rig anchors early.
- Determine **RESCUE vs. RECOVERY**.

PROTOCOL:

Engine companies are authorized to perform low-angle rescues. Consider TRT as outlined below.

- **Exception:** A victim is unsecured and is going to fall before the TRT can arrive OR when a victim is injured so severely that additional time will mean death: properly equipped and trained engine company members may intervene.

First Arriving Company Officer:

1. Assume command and request additional resources.
2. Survey the incident and identify:
 - How many victims do we have and what is their status?
 - Potential access points.
 - Any easy solutions?
 - Request specialty equipment and make TRT call-out if necessary.
3. **Recommend TRT activation for:**
 - During night time rope operations;
 - During lengthy or complex low angle operations;
 - High Angle rope rescue;
 - Rope rescue operations in severe weather;
 - Rope rescue operations in hazardous facilities / environments;
 - Rope rescue operations involving Trench, Collapse, ice, cave/tunnel, animals or Confined Space.
4. **ACTIVATING THE TRT:** (the TRT Duty Officer is BC3, they are available for consult, but don't delay requesting the team when you think you **MAY** need them).
 - Responding BC (or first due officer if responding without the BC) may activate the TRT via ECSO, **SAY: ACTIVATE THE TRT.**
 - Provide a specific location for the members to respond / report to.
 - Provide a brief description of the reason for the request so team members can begin to prepare necessary equipment.
5. Interview witnesses.
6. Establish a safe perimeter and mark the edge and deny access past it.
7. Establish communications with victim(s).
8. Initiate rescue operations.
9. **FIRST ARRIVING TRT member report to IC and will likely assume RESCUE GROUP LEADER.**