

## **RAPID INTERVENTION CREW**

### **PURPOSE**

- The goal is to have properly equipped personnel available to take immediate action to rescue injured, lost or trapped firefighters
- Whenever firefighters are operating in an atmosphere that is, or potentially could become Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH), the team must be specifically tasked to monitor conditions and be able to perform immediate rescue

### **SHALL BE USED**

- When the number of firefighting personnel operating in areas known to be IDLH requires more than the “Two-Out”
- Trench Rescue involving full entry (RIC personnel must be USAR Technicians)
- Operations at greater alarm fires (RIC required unless rescue exception by end of 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm)
- Other incidents presenting significant hazards or risks as identified by the Incident Commander, such as very large buildings, dangerous or unusual fire behavior, hazardous process industrial facilities, significant collapse potential, and fires in multi-story buildings

### **RIC ORGANIZATION AND POSITIONING**

- The size, type, and capability of the Rapid Intervention Crew will depend upon the size and hazards of the situation
- The Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) will normally report to the Operations Section Chief, if established, or the Incident Commander
- If multiple RIC’s are assigned to this function, an identified RIC Group Supervisor should be assigned. It may be most advantageous for this supervisor to be a single resource (BC, 40 hour personnel)
- The RIC Team will consist of, at a minimum, 3 personnel with one being an Officer
- A Rapid Intervention Crew/Group will be assigned and operate within the incident organization to maximize effectiveness and maintain safety, control, and accountability
- The RIC Group Supervisor should be positioned near the Incident Command Post for face-to-face communications. At incidents involving a large area, elements of the group may be positioned at the points of entry, or other area of operations (For example, operations at a High Rise Incident)
- All members will remain together and ready for immediate action unless detailed to specific areas by the Group Supervisor
- The RIC will continually monitor conditions and structural integrity
- The RIC will conduct a 360 of the building to gain situational awareness
- The RIC will “soften” the building to obtain the best tactical/rescue advantage
- The RIC shall be equipped with tools and equipment, including all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) appropriate to the type of incident and hazards.
- The RIC Bag shall be obtained from the Truck Companies
- The RIC Officer/Group Supervisor will monitor the assigned tactical radio channels at all times