



ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

OG – 400-104

Request for Rapid Intervention Team (RIT)

1.0 PURPOSE

To identify the actions to be taken for requesting a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT).

Background:

NFPA 1500 Chapter 8 Emergency Operations, 8.5 Rapid Intervention for Rescue of Members requires the use of a RIT unit. The purpose of a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) AKA Firefighter Assistance and Search Team (FAST) is the rescue of injured, lost, or trapped fire fighters.

Departments in compliance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134, “Respiratory Protection Regulations,” must have a minimum of two persons on-scene fully equipped when members are operating in an IDLH or potentially IDLH atmosphere.

Additionally, NFPA 1561 Annex C, Managing Responder Safety, Fire suppression, requires that “At least one dedicated rapid intervention crew/company shall be in the “stand-by mode” with equipment to provide for the rescue of members that are performing special operations or for members that are in positions that present an immediate danger of injury in the event of equipment failure or collapse.”

2.0 RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility to ensure that the actions described in this procedure are carried out belongs to the following.

1.1 Company Officers

3.0 PROCEDURE

3.1 Abington Township fire companies have pre-designated through their chief officers the assignment of RIT units for response into their districts.

3.2 These RIT units are automatically dispatched by Montgomery County Emergency Dispatch Service on a box assignment when there is a report of a confirmed fire. This can come from reports from the first arriving emergency responders or based on reports into the county 911 center.

3.3 Additional RIT units can also be dispatched at the request of the Officer in Charge of an Incident.

4.0 RECORDS

4.1 Master Document Listing

4.2 Abington Township Box Assignments