



F. A. S. T. / R. I. T. TRUCK OPERATIONS

- (Firefighter Assist and Search Team / Rapid Intervention Team)
- This unit is additionally assigned by a neighboring Department upon the transmission of a working fire (13-35) or any other emergency response requiring a FAST/RIT team.
- Upon arrival the FAST/RIT will report to the Incident Commander at the Command Post; advise the IC that “they are the FAST/RIT TRUCK” and to follow the IC directions.

1. TOOLS/EQUIPMENT

- As per OSHA 1910.156 and NFPA 1500-1992, all members will be equipped with an SCBA WITH PASS ALARMS, PROPER PPE.
- Search Rope, 2:1 Mechanical Advantage Rope, Additional Utility Rope.
- Fast Pak
- PAK Tracker
- Hydra Ram, Forcible Entry Saw (metal cutting blade), Roof Saw (wood cutting blade), Sawzall.
- Thermal Imaging Camera {TIC} (OFFICER)
- All members should be equipped with portable radio, flashlight, set of irons, hook and halligan, or hook and can.
- Stokes basket (tools can be placed in stokes basket and carried up to scene)

2. GENERAL DUTIES

- Listen to radio transmissions of the Department mutual aided to while responding and walking to Command Post
- Perform extensive and continuous size-up throughout the entire operation.
- Locate and discuss primary and alternate means of access and egress.
- Take note of Department(s) operating
- Take note of apparatus placement if in need of additional tools, ladders, equipment, etc.
- **ANTICIPATE PROBLEMS-HAVE A REACTION PLAN**

3. SPECIFIC DUTIES

- Officer's Responsibilities:
 - a. Ensure transmission of “MAYDAY” (downed firefighter) via portable radio
 - b. Communicate position of downed FF to IC
 - c. Communicate and maintain status of downed FF with I.C. (i.e.- air, consciousness, progress of disentanglement and removal)
 - d. Ensure airflow and packaging is complete prior to FF removal
 - e. Maintain and observe conditions of IDLH via TIC
- Chauffeur's Responsibilities:
 - a. Go to Aerial/Tower Ladder in front of fire building and check it out
 - b. Get familiar with the controls and make sure it is ready to be used
 - c. Stay at the turntable if the assigned chauffeur is not there to assist
 - d. If the assigned chauffeur is there, stay at the pedestal in case the assigned chauffeur is called into the building by Officer or is needed for rescue by ladder



- e. Assist with the removal of any downed FF by portable ladder, aerial, or tower ladder
- f. If placement of our apparatus (Ladder Truck) permits, place in front of fire building for any means of egress for FF's or Civilians

➤ Firefighter's Responsibilities (Working as a team and discussing tasks):

- a. Portable ladders- are they in place? Additional ladders to be put up if necessary
- b. Member(s) to do a complete size-up of entire building and to report to the Officer in charge of FAST/RIT Truck (note any obstacles, fences, landscape, or other obstructions the unit may encounter)
- c. Locate, communicate location, identify, status (level of consciousness/on air) of downed FF to Officer verbally
- d. Turn on FAST Pak (Air)
- e. Member to monitor the PAK Tracker
- f. All members to monitor radio communications and maintain radio discipline at all times

- Package FF #1-

1. Disentanglement of downed FF, freeing of any obstructions, debris, etc.
2. Communicate status of downed FF to Officer, as well as, notifying the Officer of the progress of disentanglement and packaging

- FAST PAK FF #2-

1. Create and maintain a positive airflow to downed FF
2. Determined if downed FF's facepiece is attached; if so turn the purge valve on and leave on if not in vibralert
3. If downed FF's facepiece is missing, damaged, or not properly working, use of FAST Pak facepiece will be implemented
4. When a downed FF is in vibralert or out of air, and the facepiece is intact, remove the regulator and replace with the FAST Pak regulator
5. Secure the FAST Pak and the regulator to the downed FF
6. Further assist FF #1 with packaging and disentanglement

- Pathway FF's #3 & #4-

1. Create and maintain path of egress for downed FF (i.e.- clearing stairs/hallway of debris, members that are not involved in FF Removal)
2. Be a beacon for the way out of the IDLH (preferably out of the fire building)
3. Be ready to switch off with other team members should they become fatigued

➤ FAST/RIT TRUCK OPERATIONS ARE AN INTERGRAL, YET OFTEN TIMES OVERLOOKED, PART OF DAY-TO-DAY FIRE GROUND OPERATIONS. THE ABOVE IS GFD FAST/RIT SOPS. THIS IS INTENDED TO BE A BASIC GUIDE; **IMPROVISATIONS ARE TO BE MADE ACCORDING TO SCENCE SIZE UP AND MANPOWER.**