

First—Due Company Assignments Rapid Intervention Team

Discussion

In order to be effective and prepared to assist firefighters in distress, RIT must be assigned as early as possible during an incident. Until a formal team is established, an initial RIT or IRIT may be used comprised of available personnel outside of the structure who are completing other tasks but ready to make entry if required. Incident Command must make the assignment of RIT a priority in their strategic decision making process. The assignment of RIT is one of the most important assignments and must never be taken lightly. RIT can perform a variety of exterior functions for IC while still accomplishing their stand-by mission for firefighter rescue. RIT must perform a size-up based on where firefighters are working and what could happen to them, RIT must be equipped and staged at a position to quickly enter the building or perform other rescue functions if needed. Follow department and MABAS RIT procedures when discussing this training session.

Incident Location: (Insert location for sample incident)

Fire Attack Strategy: Offensive, Unknown Occupants, No initial exposures

Assignment: Rapid Intervention Team

Apparatus Designation: Company assigned to RIT

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Engineer/Apparatus Operator:

- What is your response route to this incident from your station
- Where will you position the apparatus upon arrival
- What is the first thing you will do when you stop and set the apparatus
- What size-up factors should you consider
- What tool assignment is required for the RIT
- Will you stay with the apparatus or stay with your crew

Officer:

- What actions do you perform while responding to this incident given this assignment
- What information should you be attempting to gather from
 - ◊ Dispatch info
 - ◊ Radio transmissions
 - ◊ Preplans or other information sources
- What is the RIT tool assignment
- What is your initial RIT size-up considering and looking at
- What are you looking for
- Where will you stage your equipment and personnel
- What additional tools and equipment might you call for based on your size up
- What are primary tasks assigned to RIT
- What are the secondary tasks assigned to RIT
- What should you do when you find a entry / exit problem
- What is your radio designation
- Describe your on-going scene evaluation
 - ◊ What should you be listening for and looking at
 - ◊ What circumstances might require you to change ready positions at this incident
- What conditions or circumstances will require additional RIT's
- What is the role of the Rapid Intervention Team Officer

Firefighter(s)

- What are you thinking of while responding to this incident knowing you are assigned RIT
- What PPE are you wearing
- What tool assignments are given to the RIT
- What are the initial actions upon arrival
- Where will you stage your equipment
- What tasks should you expect to perform in the initial stages of this incident
- What are your primary assignments
- What are your secondary assignments
- What should you do if you find an entry/exit problem at this structure



Assume this is the initial crew entering and a truck company has just made the roof. You are the RIT assigned here. This is a typical single family dwelling in your district.