Primary RIT Duties

Primary tasks for RIT will revolve around the type of strategy that is being implemented at the incident. At defense operations, RIT functions might be reduced to stand-by modes while at offensive operations, RIT will have significant duties that have to be performed often very quickly. Each situation is different, so an effective size-up is necessary to identify the priority of the tasks to be performed. Use the following lists to lead a discussion among your crews on the primary RIT duties at sample incidents. Review your crew tool assignments and department policies for size-up and functions.

Primary Tasks for RIT

**Obtain briefing from IC or other officers/crews operating**
- Determine critical incident information

**Respond to any MAYDAY call**
- Unit in Trouble
- Condition of member or crew
- Actions needed
- Needed for assistance

**Assess the need for ground ladders**
- If crews are operating above ground, place initial ladder nearest their area of operation or at point of safe refuge

**Assemble and maintain RIT equipment at entry point location**
- Tools must match incident requirements

**Monitor radio and maintain contact with IC**
- Listen for crew progress and orders being given, track crews from outside

**Assess where crews are working and assignment**
- Watch for hazard signs of smoke and fire behavior
- Monitor entry time and time on air
- How far are they inside the building

**Obtain status reports from Operations and Incident Safety Officer**
- Progress or changes in priorities and incident objectives
- Determine the need for additional RIT or assist teams

**Make a Rescue Plan for Companies who may need you.**
- Be Prepared for a MAYDAY

**Make the building ready for firefighters in trouble to escape & for RIT Deployment to help those in trouble**

**Review your SOG on RIT duties**