

# City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 1015

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department to establish a Rapid Intervention Team(s) where there is a potential for Fire Fighters to become lost, trapped or injured during land or water operations.

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## GUIDELINE

**1:00 Purpose:**

1:01 To define the implementation of a Rapid Intervention Team(s).

**2:00 Procedures:**

2:01 A R.I.T. shall be established once a fire fighter team has been committed to interior structure fires, confined spaces, water operations, etc. Notwithstanding it may be necessary that emergency rescue activities take place before a R.I.T. has assembled.

2:02 (A) Rapid Intervention Teams can be either On-scene fire fighters designated and dedicated to R.I.T. crews or on-scene fire fighters performing other support functions but ready to deploy immediately as R.I.T. if necessary.

(B) The R.I.T. shall be assembled in pairs and advised of their designation as R.I.T. members.

(C) The Accountability Officer/Sector shall be advised of the establishment of a R.I.T.

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- 2:03 R.I.T. shall be fully equipped with the RIT Pack, appropriate protective clothing, portable radios, protective equipment, SCBA and any specialized equipment that may be needed considering the specifics of the operation (i.e. large area search bags, lighting, rope, forcible entry tools, P.F.D.'s).
- 2:04 Where applicable the Incident Commander shall direct the R.I.T. to establish a second means of egress.
- 2:05 If Rapid Intervention for Rescue is required the Incident Commander shall advise the R.I.T. of the last known position of the crew in danger and the hazards to be expected during the intervention. Another R.I.T. shall be implemented for their protection.
- 2:06 Where additional personnel has been recalled, the Incident Commander shall consider designating a R.I.T. Officer and additional teams may be required to cover multiple high risk sectors.
- 2:07 At large buildings (high rise, mall, industry) the R.I.T. shall be staged near the area of operations so as to be available to carry out swift intervention. In high rise buildings R.I.T. shall be staged two floors below the fire floor where the fire floor is the third floor or higher.
- 3:00 **Scope:**
- 3:01 It shall be the responsibility of the Captain/ Officer in charge of each shift to ensure that this guideline is explained and followed.
- 3:02 It shall be the responsibility of **all employees** to understand and adhere to this guideline.

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