

# ***Augusta County Emergency Services Officers Association***

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## ***Fire-EMS Standard Operating Guideline***

<b>Section:</b>	<b>Operations</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Regional Rapid Intervention Crew</b>
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### **Policy Statement:**

The safety of our members is paramount. The Incident Commander (IC) is responsible and accountable for establishing a Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC). In the event that a mayday situation occurs, the IC shall provide as much information as possible to the RIC prior to their deployment.

### **Purpose:**

To provide guidelines for RIC and its deployment on working incidents.

### **Definitions:**

1. RIC should consist of at least three personnel, but may be increased depending on the nature, type, and severity of the incident. The crew members should be trained and equipped for immediate deployment to rescue fire personnel as necessary. RIC should be established at the onset of operations in an IDLH atmosphere or when deemed necessary by the IC.

### **RIC Guidelines:**

1. The IC shall appoint a RIC Group Supervisor and crew for appropriate incidents.

2. The IC shall ensure that the RIC personnel are not assigned to other activities that would prevent them from being able to rapidly respond to an emergency or create a negative consequence to other operations.
3. At least one RIC member shall continuously monitor incident radio traffic and any applicable emergency frequencies.
4. The RIC shall continuously monitor conditions and crew locations.
5. As the incident escalates and additional resources arrive on the scene, the IC shall assign additional resources as appropriate. If the incident covers a large geographic area, more than one RIC may be required.
6. If a Firefighter(s) becomes trapped, disabled, or otherwise in need of assistance, the IC shall announce over the fire ground radio frequency that the RIC has been activated: mayday procedures shall then be initiated.
7. The RIC shall be staged appropriate for the incident and shall have proper and complete PPE.
8. The recommended minimum equipment that should remain with the RIC shall consist of, but is not limited to:
  - RIC-Pak
  - Rope Bag
  - Haligan Bar and Flat Head Axe (Strapped Irons with Arm Sling)
  - Thermal Imaging Camera
  - One Light Per Person
  - Additional Equipment may be required by your local jurisdiction
9. The RIC will also have immediate access to a charged, hoseline of appropriate size and length.
10. The RIC shall be maintained until released by the IC.