



<b>Wintergreen Fire and Rescue Standard Operating Guideline</b>	
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**Purpose:** The purpose of this SOG is to create a uniform procedure regarding the Two In / Two Out policy

**Policy:** When in IDLH atmospheres, “the two in two out” rule will apply.

Definitions: Area of Immediate Danger to Life and Health (IDLH)  
Structural: The area immediately inside the structure involved.

All personnel responding to potential or existing IDLH situations must be dressed in full PPE, to include SCBA.

All personnel working inside an IDLH must operate in teams of at least two fire fighters. Personnel in each team must maintain voice or visual contact with each other while operating in the IDLH. Using radios as the sole means of contact between members of a team is not permissible.

Two fire fighters in full PPE must be assigned outside the IDLH to serve as a rapid intervention team (RIT), prepared to rescue fire fighters if necessary

*A driver/ operator may be used to comply with this requirement during initial response. Once it is deemed a “working \*incident” a dedicated team of two members shall be assigned outside the IDLH. Under these circumstances the driver/operator no longer counts as one of the two in two out team.*

Only fire fighter 1 or higher-level fire fighters may be assigned to the RIT.

Deviations from this SOG may only be made during a rescue situation with a known human life-hazard, not including standard search and rescue activities.

Rescue Situation: A known rescue situation is one where there is a compelling factor beyond a reasonable doubt to start an interior rescue before all required personnel have arrived on scene.

**\* Incident:** A man-made or natural occurrence which requires the entry into a structure or container with an IDLH atmosphere. The purpose of the entry is to proceed with emergency service action to prevent or reduce the loss of life or damage to property.