



Wintergreen Fire and Rescue Standard Administrative Policy	
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Purpose:

The purpose of this SOG is to create a uniform procedure regarding the “Two In/Two Out” policy

Definitions:

IDLH = Area of Immediate Danger to Life and Health

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.

RIT = Rapid Intervention Team

SCBA = Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

Policy:

When in IDLH atmospheres, “the Two In/Two Out” rule will apply.

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 firefighters. 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 firefighters in full PPE, wearing SCBA, will be designated as RIT, with a RIT bag, and a charged hose line must be assigned outside the IDLH to serve as RIT, prepared to rescue fire fighters, if necessary.

A driver/operator may be used to comply with this requirement during initial response as long as he is wearing full PPE including SCBA. 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 Firefighter 1 or higher-level firefighters 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.

Should the first in unit after evaluation of risk decide life rescue needs to be done, they will notify the responding officer or dispatch before entering the structure/container.