


**SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT**



<b>STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES</b>	<b>ARTICLE: II</b>	<b>SOP: 2707</b>
	<b>SECTION: 2700</b>	<b>INCIDENT COMMAND FIREGROUND OPERATIONS</b>
	<b>SUBJECT: RAPID INTERVENTION CREWS</b>	
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**Purpose:**

To establish standard guidelines and procedures for Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) operations.

**Scope:**

To be followed by all personnel when establishing or performing in the capacity of a rapid intervention group.

**Definitions:**

***Rapid Intervention Crew -***


A specifically designated, fully equipped, and trained rescue team(s) consisting of a minimum of three (3) firefighters ready to immediately respond, and initiate rescue operations for injured, trapped, or lost firefighters.

**Procedures:**

The Incident Commander (IC) may establish a RIC when significant risk is present to firefighters due to the complexity of the incident. The IC shall establish a RIC when the incident triggers a second alarm. The decision to demobilize RIC is at the discretion of the IC.

**RIC Responsibilities:**

- Reports to the Incident Commander, Operations Sections Chief or RIC Group Supervisor.
- Unit identifier will be determined by the IC or RIC group supervisor.
- Identify what companies are on scene. what their assignments are, where they are located and brief RIC personnel accordingly.
- Determine a staging location and inform the IC.
- Develop an appropriate RIC cache.
- Conduct a size-up of the structure and soften the structure as necessary.
- Do not delay RIC deployment due to over committing resources to soften the structure.

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**RIC Group Supervisor Responsibilities:**

- Coordinate a rescue plan with IC and RIC companies.
- In the event of a Mayday a RIC group supervisor should be established. Preferably a Chief Officer or additional overhead will manage this role.
- If not established, these responsibilities should be handled by a RIC company officer.
- May request a separate tactical channel to be used for RIC operations.