

Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

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NOVA RIT Command & Operations Manual

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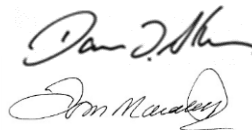
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PURPOSE

To adopt and implement the Northern Virginia Fire and Rescue Department's Operations Manual dealing with Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) Command and Operational Procedures 3rd edition (2013).

SCOPE

All personnel shall become aware, understand, and implement the Rapid Intervention Team Command and Operational Procedures Manual as needed. Fauquier County cannot meet the full complement of apparatus needed for the various assignments as outlined in the RIT manual. Additional apparatus and staffing will have to be requested through mutual aid agreements-which are currently in place and active.

I. PREFACE

- A. The Northern Virginia area fire and rescue departments have been utilizing such manuals for over a decade. The information, strategy and tactics, initial incident command objectives, along with various other incident management concepts contained in the manuals represent years of planning and development. This has been completed through numerous incident responses, local and regional pre-incident planning and lessons learned throughout the region and country.
- B. By having the area fire and rescue departments operate on incident scenes using the same manual, consistency and overall situational awareness are known and understood by all companies operating on a possible Mayday event requiring the use of a RIT. Fauquier County is considered part of the NOVA Fire and Rescue Departments, and by implementing the RIT Manual, allow for mutual aid companies (receiving and assisting) consistency as well

II. PROCEDURE

- A. The Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association in conjunction with the Chiefs Group and the Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue hereby adopt the Northern Virginia Fire and Rescue Department's Operations Manual: Rapid Intervention Team Command and Operational Procedures as amended in section III.

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B. All members in the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System (career and/or volunteer) shall adhere to the procedures and roles/responsibilities outlined in the RIT Manual. This manual is to be used as a proactive measure to divert a serious injury or even Mayday event from occurring. Should an event occur in which a Mayday is triggered, the procedures outlined in this manual will serve as reactive measures to guide crews and assist those in danger.

III. ADDENDUMS

A. The 3rd edition (2013) of the RIT Manual calls for an increase in Rapid Intervention Team Resources. Although any working fire incident can be extremely taxing on the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue system, it is important to ensure sufficient resources are available. Therefore the following terminology and response compliment will be adopted.

1. RIT Level 1

- 1 Additional Engine
- 1 Additional Heavy Rescue

2. RIT Level 2

- 1 Additional Engine
- 1 Additional Heavy Rescue
- 1 Additional EMS Transport Unit
- 1 Additional Chief Officer

3. RIT Level 3

- RIT Level 2
- 2 Heavy Rescues with Collapse rescue capabilities (will require mutual aid companies for fulfillment)