

CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPERATING GUIDELINE

TITLE: BUILDING COLLAPSE

THE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF BUILDING COLLAPSE RESPONSE ARE: LIFESAVING OPERATIONS AND PREVENTION OF FURTHER DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL AND PUBLIC PROPERTY.

SAFETY OF DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL SHALL BE A PRIMARY CONCERN FOR ALL OPERATIONS.

CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ARE NOT TRAINED SPECIFICALLY IN BUILDING COLLAPSE (URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE).

SHOULD AN EVENT OCCUR, CENTRAL DISPATCH IS TO BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY TO RESPOND THE GENESEE COUNTY URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (USAR) TEAM.

CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ARE TO ESTABLISH INCIDENT COMMAND, PERFORM SIZE-UP AND BE PREPARED TO ASSIST THE USAR TEAM ON THEIR ARRIVAL. THEY ARE TO PERFORM ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED WHICH WILL MINIMIZE OR MITIGATE DANGERS FOR CIVILIANS AND THOSE INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ACTIVITIES.

APPARATUS

- Initial response shall be: 1 Engine/Pumper, 1 Pumper/Tanker, 1 Squad

PERSONNEL

- Initial response should be: A full compliment, based on seating for each apparatus.
- Minimum response shall be: 1 Officer, 1 Driver, 3 Fire Fighters
- If the minimum response is not available, a Second Alarm shall be called.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- All personnel responding to the incident shall wear a complete set of turnout gear. Turnouts shall consist of; Helmet, Hood, Bunker Coat, Bunker Pants, Boots, and Gloves.

TRAINING

- All personnel on the scene shall have completed, as a minimum, Fire Fighter II.

INCIDENT COMMAND

- The Incident Command System shall be utilized to the extent warranted by the nature of the incident.

MEMBER ACCOUNTABILITY

- All members will use the Department Accountability system as directed.

WORKING IN TEAMS OF TWO

- Members using SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) shall operate in teams of two (2) or more who are constantly in communication with each other through visual, audible, direct physical contact, safety guide rope, electronic or other means to coordinate their activities, and are in close proximity to each other to provide assistance in case of emergency

OPERATIONS

- If there is a pre-plan for the incident, utilize it to assist in locating victims.
- A safety zone should be established around the incident and all non-trained individuals must be kept away from the danger area.
- The owner, operator, or a person from the business who is authorized to make decisions regarding the business, should be contacted to assist with size-up and cleanup if possible.
- CAFD personnel may contact an authorized contractor to assist with the rescue. If this occurs, the Clio Area Fire Authority is responsible for the cost of the contractor and will be required to seek reimbursement from the business owner. (Contact should be made with the chair person of the Clio Area Fire Authority to make him aware of the use of the contractor)