

CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPERATING GUIDELINE

TITLE: RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM (RIT)

REFERENCES: NFPA 1500
CAFD RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

THE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF FIRE FIGHTING ARE LIFE SAVING OPERATIONS AND PREVENTION AND FURTHER DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL AND PUBLIC PROPERTY.

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

GENERAL:

- When members are involved in interior fire attack, or other situations requiring the use of SCBA, there will be a Backup Team assigned at the point of entry.
- The Rapid Intervention Team will not be assigned any other duties, and shall remain in place while the Attack Team is inside the structure.
- The Rapid Intervention Team will have on ALL Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment, including SCBA (the mask may be disconnected from the air source until entering the structure, in order to preserve air which may be required during intervention or rescue).
- The Rapid Intervention Team shall have a “charged” hand line, and other tools (such as hand light, halligan, axe, etc.) necessary to carry out the intervention or rescue. These items will remain with the Rapid Intervention Team until they are relieved of their duty.
- If the Attack Team leaves the structure, due to renewing their air supply, and another team enters the structure, the Rapid Intervention Team will remain in place.