



# RIVER DELTA FIRE DISTRICT

## STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

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**Chapter 3: Rapid Intervention Two-In Two-Out**

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## Rapid Intervention/Two-In Two-Out

### 301.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to increase firefighter safety by implementing procedures for safeguarding and rescuing firefighters while operating in environments that are immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH).

This policy applies to all members assigned to an incident and is designed to ensure immediate assistance for members who become lost, trapped or injured by adhering to the two-in/two-out standard and designating Rapid Intervention Crews (RIC) (29 CFR 1910.134(g)(4)).

### 301.2 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

**Immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH)** - An atmospheric concentration of any toxic, corrosive or asphyxiant substance that to an unprotected person poses an immediate threat to life, would cause irreversible adverse health effects or would impair an individual's ability to escape from a hazardous area. Interior atmospheric conditions at structure fires beyond the incipient stage are considered IDLH, as are a variety of rescue types.

**Out Team** - A group of at least two members located outside the IDLH atmosphere to initially monitor and provide emergency rescue for responders until a larger, more formalized rapid intervention crew (RIC) is established. One of the two members may be assigned to an additional role, as long as the individual is able to perform assistance or rescue activities without jeopardizing the safety or health of any firefighter at the incident.

**Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC)** - A formalized designated group of individuals or companies whose sole function is to prepare, monitor and provide for effective emergency rescue of responders in IDLH atmospheres.

### 301.3 POLICY

It is the policy of the River Delta Fire District to ensure that adequate personnel are onscene before interior operations begin in any IDLH environment. However, nothing in this policy is meant to prevent firefighters from performing emergency rescue activities before an entire team has assembled.