
Procedure	Effective Date	Rescinds
Mayday SOG	January 1, 2006	September 7, 2004
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Purpose:

The purpose of this guideline is to provide common terminology and procedures for a firefighter(s) who become distressed during firefighting operations. Each member is expected to know, understand and operate according to this guideline as each situation arises.

Responsibility:

- I. It shall be the responsibility of the department officers to implement this operating guideline.
- II. It shall be the responsibility of the department officers to train members in the application of this guideline.
- III. It shall be the responsibility of each member to know, understand and use this guideline as it applies to the situation at hand. Each member will use good judgement in the use of this guideline.

Guideline:

The notification of a firefighter(s) in distress is very time sensitive. Command must be notified as soon as a firefighter(s) finds themselves in distress or are discovered missing during request for PAR.

- A. When firefighters find themselves in one of the following situations, he/she/they will announce MAYDAY:
 1. Lost or disoriented.
 2. Become trapped by a collapse of any part of a structure.
 3. Trapped by fire spread.
 4. Injured or serious illness develops.
 5. Any event that causes a firefighter(s) to feel that he will not survive without the assistance of others.
 6. In the event you discover another firefighter(s) who need the assistance of the RIT.
- B. The actions of the distressed firefighter(s) should be as follows:

1. Announce MAYDAY – MAYDAY - MAYDAY

SPECIAL NOTE..Although these are the words of choice, do not discount any other message that could reflect a firefighter in peril.

2. Re-announce the MAYDAY – MAYDAY - MAYDAY followed by

Location if you know. - i.e....working on third floor when it collapsed

Unit Designation - i.e....Eng 81 with 3 members

Name - ie. Use your rank and last name

Assignment – Job you were assigned to perform – ie...ventilation

Resources – what the RIT will need to assist you - ie... SCBA, stokes basket.

3. Activate the EMERGENCY BANNER BUTTON on your 800mHz radio. If you do not get a response from Incident Command from you initial Mayday call, **ACTIVATE THE EMERGENCY BANNER.** This will alert Norwich Dispatch And they will alert the Incident Commander.

4. Activate PASS Device.

If you are alert and conscious you should not activate you PASS device until requested to do so by the RIC Team leader to assist the team in locating you. This will facilitate clear radio communication with you.

C. When the MAYDAY is acknowledged by the IC, he shall direct all fire ground operations to a different talk group. The distressed firefighter(s), RIT, and whoever the IC has oversee the MAYDAY Operation shall stay on the original fire ground talk group.

D. Remember...if you think or feel for one instant that you are in trouble, call MAYDAY!! Early recognition is the best scenario to get assistance in time.

Approved by Assistant Chief _____ signed copy on file _____ Date _____

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