



VERDUGO NUMBERED MEMORANDUM

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RAPID INTERVENTION POLICY

Purpose:

The purpose of the attached document is to provide a guideline for Los Angeles County Fire Departments to follow, which ensure all safety mandates specific to the accountability of firefighters at multi-agency incidents, are followed.

The document focuses specifically on providing for the rescue of firefighters through the implementation of area-wide Rapid Intervention Standard Operating Guideline (SOG). These guidelines are not meant to conflict with any department's policy or individual SOG, nor any Operational Area policies or guidelines.

These guidelines address the use of common terminology, multi-agency communication procedures, firefighter survival procedures, expectations of command officers, and Rapid Intervention procedures.

Policy/Procedures:

In conjunction with the attached LAAOB #14-01 Rapid Intervention, the following procedures have been approved by the Verdugo Fire Operations Committee for day-to-day field operations within the Verdugo Fire Communications system:

In the event of a MAYDAY situation field personnel shall perform the following actions:

1. Announce "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY" on the assigned tactical channel and wait for communications by on-scene personnel.
 - a. Use Clear-text terms for radio communications to notify personnel on-scene at an emergency that a "MAYDAY" has or is occurring:
 - i. "FIREFIGHTER DOWN"
 - ii. "FIREFIGHTER MISSING"
 - iii. "FIREFIGHTER TRAPPED"
2. Should a "MAYDAY" not be responded to by on-scene personnel, immediately activate your Emergency Trigger also known as Emergency Alert Button (EAB).
3. Review the attached LAAOB #14-1 Rapid Intervention procedures for supporting operational information.