

**JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

SOG 312

CONFINED SPACE RESCUE

I. PURPOSE

A. To define the appropriate guidelines for search and rescue in a confined space.

II. SCOPE

A. This guideline outlines the procedures to follow when working around a building collapse. These standards apply to all personnel of the District.

III. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

A. It will be the responsibility of the Chief and the Officers to insure that these guidelines are followed.

IV. STANDARDS

A. Size-up/assessment of conditions

1. Approach Assessment

- a. Refer to pre-plan if available
- b. Contact building representative or witnesses ASAP
- c. Identify the following:
 - Rescue vs. recovery
 - Type and use of confined space
 - Product identification/storage hazards
 - Potential hazards in space
 - Number of victims
 - ALL entry and exit points

2. Resource Assessment

- a. Initial Assignments:
 - Rescue Team Leader (RTL)
 - Rescue Team Attendant (RTA)
 - Entry Team #1 (2 personnel)
 - Entry Team #2 (2 personnel)
- b. Identify special equipment needed:
 - 1. Have Confined Space Rescue Trailer brought to the scene if not already there
- c. Consider notification of agencies for assistance:
 - Public Works

- Law Enforcement
- DEQ
- Redmond Haz-Mat

B. Safety considerations and checklist

1. Isolate site. Establish work zone and initiate lock-out/tag-out as needed.
2. Mandatory for entry rescuers:
 - SCBA
 - Tag lines
 - 2 person teams
3. RTA - maintains tactical worksheet

C. Operational guidelines

1. Assign operational positions (Team leader, Entry teams, Team attendant, Air supply, equipment technician, etc.)
2. Develop operational plan, and notify ALL personnel involved of steps to achieve it.
3. Secure hazard area upon completion of operations, and maintain security until responsibility is turned over to investigating authority.

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