



Tailboard Operations

RIT
Be There, Be Ready

RIT 1

Rapid Intervention Team Section

RIT Company Discipline

Instructors should always include employer references and procedures in this and any training session.

Keeping RIT Focused

Background: Keeping RIT focused on the tasks at hand may be difficult at times. Firefighters are programmed to be action oriented and after initial size-up and incident activities are completed, often RIT goes into a stand-by mode. It is our best hope that RIT is never utilized at an incident. Remaining ready and focused requires team discipline. Each member should be constantly re-evaluating fire scene conditions, operations and monitoring progress. Follow-up size-up operations should also be completed to insure all hazards are identified and mitigated. Stay focused on your primary tasks and duties at all times.

Review Primary RIT Tasks

RIT

- **Obtain briefing from IC or other officers/crews operating**
 - Determine critical incident information
- **Respond to any MAYDAY call**
 - Unit in Trouble
 - Condition
 - Actions needed
 - Needed for assistance
- **Perform RIT Size-up**
 - Identify hazardous conditions in areas where members will be working and fix them
 - Evaluate crew location, progress, fire conditions, smoke, building construction and condition
- **Assess the need for ground ladders**
 - If crews are operating above ground, place initial ladder nearest their area of operation or at point of safe refuge
- **Assemble and maintain RIT equipment at entry point location**
 - Tools must match incident requirements
- **Monitor radio and maintain contact with IC**
 - Listen for crew progress and orders being given, track crews from outside
- **Assess where crews are working and assignment**
 - Watch for hazard signs of smoke and fire behavior
 - Monitor entry time and time on air
 - How far are they inside the building
- **Obtain status reports from Operations and ISO**
 - Progress or changes in priorities and incident objectives
 - Determine the need for additional RIT

