

		<p><i>Rapid Intervention Series</i></p>
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RIT Stand-by Areas

Background: RIT must be positioned in an area where quick deployment to areas where firefighters are in distress. This position will vary from incident to incident and may even change during an incident. Companies will move throughout a structure and RIT needs to move to points nearest their location. This will also require that RIT equipment be moved with RIT to new staging areas. On-going assessment will be key to determining the best location for RIT to be positioned. For RIT to be truly effective and ready, they need to be positioned as close to where problems could occur as is safe for them to be.

RIT Staging Areas		
Incident Type	Suggested Staging Area	Additional Considerations
Typical single family dwelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near point of entry for attack crews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location where vertical ventilation crews are operating Move as entry progresses through structure
Large single family dwelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near point of entry At closest entry to operational area Interior position below operational area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider distance from initial position to where crews now operate Identify alternative exits if distance is greater than air supply available
Multi-family dwelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near point of entry Safe location (scba and hose not required) near fire floor/area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage on interior only if safe for RIT to stand-by Alternate stairway location
High-rise building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near point of entry 2 floors below operation ? 2 floors over fire if safe to position Alternate stairway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit elevator use Stay in protected area Remain oriented to crew location Consider multiple RIT
Commercial structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near point of entry Repositioned after size-up to better proximity position to crews working 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Size of structure and crew location may require additional RIT's
Industrial operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near point of entry Proximity to operation Near evacuation points or egress location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caution in positioning in event of rapid egress Additional RIT may be necessary
Other locally assigned incident types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Ready Positions