

# Douro-Dummer Fire Services Policy

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**Section:** Operations

**Subject:** Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT)

**Purpose:** To establish policy for the assembling of Rapid Intervention Teams at emergency scenes in order to facilitate firefighter rescue.

**Scope:** This Policy will be followed by all personnel.

**Policy:**

1. A Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT) is the rescue of trapped or lost firefighters with low air emergencies, loss of communications, medical emergencies or life safety equipment failure at emergency scenes. A RIT shall be assembled at any incident where there are personnel who have entered the Hot Zone.
2. A Rapid Intervention Team will initially consist of a minimum of two personnel who are fully prepared with the proper protective equipment that is required for the situation ie. Ice Water rescue, fire, etc. RIT personnel shall be equipped with a portable radio and will assemble any specialized equipment which may be required to support a rescue.
3. The RIT will be established before entry to the hazard area, unless an immediate rescue is required. Should this be necessary, it shall be reported to the Chief & Deputy Chief following the incident. In this case, RIT shall be established at the earliest possible time.
4. Once the RIT is deployed, a second RIT shall be established.