

Douro-Dummer Fire Department Policy

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Section: Operations

Subject: Mayday

Purpose: To establish a policy in the event of a firefighter in a high risk environment that requires immediate support.

Scope: This policy applies to all firefighters

Policy:

DDFS firefighters, automatic or mutual aid partners may encounter situations where they find themselves or members of their team in emergency situations and are required to transmit a "**Mayday**"

A Mayday shall be initiated when:

- they become lost or unaccounted for
- trapped, pinned or stuck and not able to extricate self.
- low on air
- life safety equipment failure.
- Fallen through a roof.
- Caught in a back draft or flashover.
- Lose contact with partner, hose line or lifeline and do not know direction to exit.
- Primary and secondary exit blocked by fire or collapse.
- They cannot find exit door or window.
- Injured or other life threatening situations

Upon receipt of a Mayday call, Incident Command will:

- Request radio silence.
- Move fireground operations to another radio TAC channel.
- If possible, assign another officer/senior firefighter to take command of the fire ground operations while dealing with the mayday situation.
- Deploy RIT
- Set up the next RIT.
- Initiate RIT procedures (see RIT guideline).
- Call for a Personnel Accountability Report (PAR).
- Call for additional resources as necessary
- Update on Scene EMS or request EMS if not already on scene

The Deputy Chief shall be notified anytime a Mayday is initiated

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Reference Policy:

2.07 RIT

Reference Best Practice:

6.09 Mayday