

# SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Series 800

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## PURPOSE

This SOG outlines command procedures for incidents involving firefighter emergency / MAYDAY

## DEFINITIONS

- HOT ZONE – This area as determined / defined by either incident command (IC) or operations officer in which active operations are being performed during an emergency situation / MAYDAY.
- RIT – Rapid Intervention Team
- MAYDAY – The term used to indicate that a firefighter emergency exists.
- PAR – Personnel Accountability Report

## PROCEDURE:

- A. When a firefighter emergency occurs a MAYDAY signal shall immediately be communicated. The communication of a MAYDAY should proceed as follows:
  - a. The firefighter or division officer announces a MAYDAY three times over TAC channel of operation (“MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY”). The IC or operations officer may call a MAYDAY if it is determined that fire department personnel are not accounted for. This includes PASS activation within the hot zone.
  - b. Upon hearing a MAYDAY, all non-emergency radio traffic shall cease. The IC shall acknowledge the MAYDAY and repeat the message.
- B. After a MAYDAY has been issued the following procedure should happen.
  - a. The IC shall attempt to make radio contact with the person(s) signaling the MAYDAY to determine:
    - I. Unit / Person
    - II. Situations
    - III. Location
    - IV. Intentions

- b. The IC should deploy RIT. RIT should report their progress to the officer in charge of the MAYDAY.
- c. The IC should assign an officer to either run the MAYDAY or the fire ground operations.
- d. All fire ground radio traffic at the discretion of the IC shall be moved to another TAC channel.
- e. Crews already operating in established sectors should continue operating within those sector unless otherwise directed by I/C or RIC.
- f. The IC shall establish as many additional RIT's as the situations dictates. The IC shall also call for as many additional alarms as needed to assure adequate personnel are available.
- g. The IC shall call a PAR as soon as possible after the MAYDAY has been issued.
- h. This operation shall continue until the firefighter has been found or removed.