



# FIELD OPERATIONS GUIDE

## ROPE RESCUE

### SAFETY CONCERNS

#### While Responding

- Request Tower/**Truck Company, TRT 81, TRT Team Leaders**, if not on initial dispatch.
- Request law enforcement.

#### Basic Rules and Safety

- All non-essential personnel are to be kept a minimum of 50 feet from the edge.
- Isolate area and establish Hot and Warm zones with scene/barricade tape.
- Insure the safety of yourself first, the team second, and victim last.

### PRIORITY ACTIONS

#### Initial Rescue Actions

- Announce arrival and confirm location and access.
- Establish Incident Command.
- All personnel involved must wear proper PPE.
- **SIZE-UP**
  - Announce what you have
    - Number of victims?
    - Number of bystanders and workers needed to be controlled?
- **TAKE COMMAND**
  - Announce location of Command.
  - Assign responding units and request additional alarms, if necessary.
- Announce location of Staging.
- Request dispatch to page the Technical Rescue Team Leaders (have them contact you by cell phone or OP's frequency).
- **SWITCH TO AN OP's FREQUENCY.**



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## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Risk Assessment

- Evaluate Risk vs. Benefit and Rescue vs. Recovery
  - Can victim(s) be seen?
  - Is victim(s) in a stable situation?
  - Is victim(s) exposed to further injury?
  - Can a safe rescue be performed?
  - Do on-scene resources have the training and equipment necessary?
    - If not, how long before they can be on scene?
  - Are actions being driven by emotion or education?

### On Scene Actions

- Command or Rescue Group Supervisor (RGS), if assigned.
  - Command should assign a RGS as soon as possible.
  - Supervise rescue and recovery operation.
- Assign SAFETY OFFICER as soon as possible.
- Assign RIT.
- Assign Medical Group supervisor
  - Monitor patient condition
  - Coordinate ground and/or air ambulance
  - Liaison with hospital
  - Monitor medical equipment and supply needs
- Assign Staging Officer.
- Assign PIO.