



TRENCH RESCUE

INITIAL RESPONSE ACTIONS

While Responding, Request Or Confirm Response from the Following:

- Tower/Truck Companies
- TR 81
- Team Leader
- Hazmat Team Leader
- Public Works (Boom Truck, Trench Trailer, Vac Truck)
- Law Enforcement
- Utility Companies

PRIORITY ACTIONS

Upon Arrival

- **SIZE-UP**
 - Announce what you have
 - Open trench and size?
 - Number of victims?
 - Heavy equipment on scene?
 - Utilities located?

Initial Rescue Actions

- **Establish Hot and Warm zones with scene/barricade tape**
 - All Non Essential personnel outside of: 50'
 - No Vehicles allowed within: 150'
 - Staging area should be established minimum of: 150'
 - All traffic stopped or rerouted minimum of: 300'

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?
 - Is victim(s) buried?
 - If so, how long?

INSURE THE SAFETY OF YOURSELF FIRST, TEAM SECOND, VICTIM LAST