



# Rapid Intervention Crew Operations

**Scope:** Sacramento Regional Fire Departments

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**References:**

The links and documents below provide specific federal and state approved course plans related to RIC operations.

- NFPA 1407, Standard for Training Fire Service Rapid Intervention Crews (2015)
- NFPA 1521, Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer Professional Qualifications (2014)
- NFPA 1561, Standard on Emergency Services Incident Management System and Command Safety (2014)
- California State Fire Training- Incident Management of Firefighter Emergencies Course Plan- <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/state-fire-training/fstep-curriculum/>
- Incident Command System Publication: Structure Fire Operations, ICS-500, 10-14-2015- <https://firescope.caloes.ca.gov/publications>
- Firefighter Incident Safety and Accountability Guidelines. ICS 910- <https://firescope.caloes.ca.gov/publications>
- California State Fire Training- Rapid Intervention Crew Operations Student Manual- <https://firescope.caloes.ca.gov/publications>
- IAFF- Fire Ground Survival Course Home Page- <https://www.iaff.org/fire-ground-survival/>

**01. Guideline:**

Establish a guideline for Rapid Intervention Crew Operations.

**02. Definitions:**

**2.1 RIC**

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- A single or multiple companies assigned to be prepared for immediate deployment to rescue lost or trapped firefighters.

**2.2 Level I**

- One Engine

**2.3 Level II**

- One Engine, One Truck, One BC

**2.4 Level III**

- One Engine, One Truck, One BC, One Rescue Company

**03. Procedure:****3.1 RIC Operations**

RIC is established at the discretion of the IC. The level of RIC established is driven by the complexity of the incident. The number of RIC teams established is driven by the incident priorities and objectives of the incident. The decision to demobilize RIC is at the discretion of the IC.

**3.1.2**

RIC Responsibilities:

- Reports to the Incident Commander, Operations Sections Chief or RIC Group Supervisor
- In most cases, RIC will report directly to the IC
- When communicating, RIC will use their company identifier.
- Identify what companies are on scene, what their assignments are, where they are located and brief RIC personnel accordingly
- Determine a staging location and inform the IC
- Develop an appropriate RIC cache
- Conduct a size-up of the structure and soften the structure as necessary
- Do not delay RIC deployment due to over committing resources to soften the structure
- Request additional resources as needed

**3.1.3**

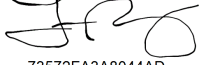
RIC Group Supervisor Responsibilities:

- If not established, these responsibilities should be handled by a RIC company officer
- May request a separate tactical channel to be used for RIC operations.
- Request additional resources as necessary


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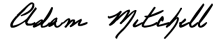
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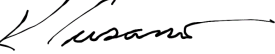
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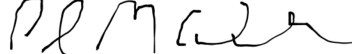
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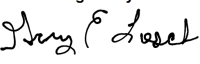
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