



O1105 Confined Space Rescue-Engine Co (Awareness) Level

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PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for engine company operations in the event of a confined space rescue.

SCOPE:

This procedure applies to all Central Yavapai Fire District personnel responsible for emergency response.

PROCEDURE:

- Arrive On-Scene.
- Take Incident Command.
- Size-Up the Incident.
 - Determine the nature of the incident by securing a witness and gathering information on-scene.
 - Determine the number, location, and condition of the victims.
 - Order additional resources to affect a safe rescue including; additional engines, Utility 53, Engine 75, Haz-mat 75, Support 58, Utility 61, UTV 50, UTV 61, the Regional Response Team, and a Battalion Chief.
 - Determine whether the incident is a rescue or recovery.
 - If the incident is a recovery, wait for the assistance of TRT personnel.
 - If the incident is a rescue or it is unknown, proceed with engine company operations.
- Engine Company Operations
 - If available, secure the jobsite confined space permit and a diagram for the confined space.
 - Establish a perimeter, deny entry, secure the utilities, and ventilate the space by using natural vent holes.
 - If the victim is determined to be viable for rescue, firefighters may make entry to perform rescue, provided safety precautions are in place including:
 - Two rescuers in full turnouts with SCBA's for entry.
 - RIC is in place.
 - The space must be large enough to enter without removing the SCBA.
 - The rescuers must be attached to a life safety rope.
 - Never enter the space more than 25 feet.
 - Never place the victim between yourself and the exit.
 - Continue to reassess the patient, provide treatment, and transport the patient after the rescue is complete.
 - Consult the Pendly guide for additional information located in the rope rescue bag.

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RESPONSIBILITY:

All operations personnel

REFERENCES:

Technical Rescue Field Operations Guide-Tom Pendly (current edition)