



Nelson County Emergency Services Council
Nelson County, Virginia

<i>Nelson County Emergency Services Council</i> <i>Standard Operating Guideline</i>	
Subject:	Rapid Intervention Team
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Purpose:

To assure a rescue team will always be available to assist firefighters at a working structure fire where an interior attack is underway.

Procedure:

Unless there is a confirmed entrapment, no fire attack team will enter a structure without a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) standing ready.

A RIT team is comprised of two certified firefighters released by their agency to fight interior attacks. A RIT must be fully suited up, including air, however not actually on air. A RIT must have a charged hand-line (no smaller than 1 3/4") with ample hose staged to reach the seat of the fire. The RIT will keep with them ample tools to force entry, a spare air supply or "RIT Pack", a short section of rope for use while dragging a victim, and a charged portable radio.

At no point should a RIT be reassigned to a different task while interior fire attack is in progress.

The NCESC will determine a way to uniformly identify RIT members from a distance so that commanders can confirm they're always on task.