

Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) and Firefighter Survival Training

Firefighting is dangerous as well as physically and mentally challenging. Firefighter Survival and Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) operations are the highest priority when a firefighter is lost, disoriented, or trapped. Firefighter survival and RIT training programs teach self survival and safe extrication of a downed firefighter who may be injured, trapped or lost at an emergency scene.

Commanding and Controlling the Mayday

Part 1

Course Number: 258 Certificate Type: Completion
Hours Total: 7 Classroom: 7 Practical: 0
FCC: 2 FPO: 0 OEMS: No

This course teaches officers to effectively manage a rapid intervention incident on the fire ground. The course explains actions that must be taken during a mayday. In the classroom, students review NIOSH reports, past RIT events; curriculum taught in the RIT program of the MFA and will also be taught about templates used in ICS/RIT management. Students practice command and emergency response skills in exercises conducted in the Simulation (SIM) Trailer. There are no prerequisites to take this course.

Part 2

Course Number: 259 (Part 2) Certificate Type: Completion
Hours Total: 7 Classroom: 0 Practical: 7
FCC: 3 FPO: 0 OEMS: No

During part 2 of Commanding and Controlling the Mayday students command recruits in the burn building during phase burn fires. Each student functions as both RIT Branch Director and Accountability Officer. Students also observe the full operation inside the burn building with an inside safety officer so they can fully understand how teams operate.

Prerequisite: Commanding and Controlling the Mayday (Part 1).

Firefighter Survival Skills – Saving Ourselves

Course Number: 616 Certificate Type: Completion
Hours Total: 14 Classroom: 4 Practical: 10
FCC: TBD FPO: TBD OEMS: No

This course teaches firefighters to self-rescue during emergencies on the fire ground. The course explains when a firefighter should declare a mayday and how to do so. The course includes familiarization with SCBA, learning self-control and discipline in a maze environment, exiting a building using a hoseline, and procedures

to follow in entanglement situations. It also teaches how to escape hostile environments by breaching a wall or escaping out a window head first onto a ladder. The program also covers use of a personal rescue rope for self-evacuation and skills to aid a firefighter who has fallen into a hole. The course includes elevator operations awareness. This is an advanced course and firefighters should have previous training in SCBA and Rapid Intervention. Applications must be received one month prior to the start date of class to be considered for admission.

Operational RIT Team Leader

Course Number: 562 Certificate Type: Completion
Hours Total: 16 Classroom: 8 Practical: 8
FCC: 3 FPO: 0 OEMS: Yes

This 16-hour course is for chief officers, company officers and/or firefighters that function in the role of Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) sector officer and the RIT operations officer during mayday scenarios. This hands-on course includes classroom review, SIM Trailer RIT scenarios, and live practical scenarios in the burn building. The class is physically demanding and all students are required to participate in all functions of a RIT operation.

Day one is a practical day in the burn building. Day two is divided into lectures and simulation scenarios. Students must complete the entire program to receive credit.

This course is a priority selection, with officers having preference. **Prerequisites:** completion of Rapid Intervention Training (RIT) course 256 or 257, or holder of a joint certificate in RIT, and completion of Fire Officer I (students do not need to be certified to the level of Fire Officer I).

Rapid Intervention

Course Number: 256 Certificate Type: Completion
Hours Total: 14 Classroom: 7 Practical: 7
FCC: 2 FPO: 0 OEMS: Yes

This 2-day course teaches firefighters to understand and implement rapid intervention. It covers the theory of rapid

intervention teams and practical applications aimed at locating a firefighter using the PASS device and removing him/her from a hostile environment. Skills taught include corridor search, large area search, SCBA harness conversion, proper use of the RIT Pack, one and two person drags, firefighter removal up or down a staircase, removal out a window utilizing various carries and ropes, as well as ladder assisted lifts from a basement. This course is physically demanding and requires all students to demonstrate all skills taught in the program. Full PPE is required and a complete SCBA with two bottles. Applications must be received one month prior to start date of class for to be considered for admission. Students are required to bring NFPA Compliant Protective Clothing consisting of helmet, hood, coat, gloves, bunker pants, and boots (either NFPA Compliant leather or 3/4 boots). Compliance labels must be attached to each component. Advanced hydration is required.



Rapid Intervention Training (RIT) – Statewide

Course Number: 257 Certificate Type: Completion

Hours Total: 32 Classroom: 16 Practical: 16

FCC: 1 FPO: 0 OEMS: Yes

A 4-day course for the training officer, or their designee. Students gain the instructional skills and training techniques necessary for them to deliver the Statewide Rapid Intervention Initiative to their own department. The course teaches all aspects of RIT in a modular format so the training officer can deliver the training in modules as time allows. Each participant is required to demonstrate each skill. After successful completion of this physically demanding training, students can offer the training to their department. Upon proof of such training, and in conjunction with the MFA, each student will be issued a joint certificate in rapid intervention training. Full PPE is required and a complete SCBA with two bottles. Applications must be received one month prior to the start date of class to be considered for admission.

