

## **Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guidelines**

**SUBJECT:** EMERGENCY RADIO TRAFFIC

**SOG 1004**

**PURPOSE:** To have in place a policy for all personnel to follow in case emergency radio traffic is needed.

**SCOPE:** This policy shall apply to all members of the Egg Harbor Fire Department.

**DEFINITION:** RIT – Rapid Intervention Team

The preface of any radio transmission with the phrase **EMERGENCY TRAFFIC** requires all resources operating on that radio frequency grant immediate priority to that message. All other communications shall be suspended (with the exception of other emergency traffic communications). Emergency traffic shall be used in the following circumstances:

1. Evacuation due to hazardous conditions (collapse, etc).
2. Injury to or loss of personnel where RIT assistance is required to extricate the member from the building or to provide emergency medical care.
3. Reporting of imminently hazardous conditions or changes that may impact on strategy (it is not safe for offensive fire attack any longer).