

Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guidelines

SUBJECT: INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER

SOG 213

PURPOSE: The purpose of this SOG. is to comply with the requirements of SPS 330 and NFPA Standard 1521.

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

THE INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER

The Incident Safety Officer Shall:

1. Monitor conditions, activities, and operations: With a perceived risk, then take action
2. Ensure the establishment of Rehab
3. Monitor and report status of conditions, hazards, and risks to the I.C.
4. Ensure the Personnel Accountability System is being utilized
5. Receive an Incident Action Plan from the I.C. Then provide a Risk Assessment of incident scene operations
6. Ensure the establishment of safety zones, collapse zones, hot zones, and other hazard areas: Communicate this to all members present
7. Evaluate traffic hazards and apparatus placement: Take appropriate actions to mitigate hazards
8. Monitor radio transmissions: Stay alert for missed, unclear, or incomplete communications
9. Communicate to I.C. the need for assistants: Due to need, size, complexity, or duration
10. Survey and evaluate the hazards associated with a landing zone and interface with helicopters
11. The Incident Safety Officer has the authority to stop and correct any action he/she deems unsafe.

FIRE SUPPRESSION

1. Meet the provisions of Incident Scene Safety.
2. Ensure that a Rapid Intervention Crew is available and ready.
3. Building fire: Advise the I.C. of hazards, collapse potential, and fire extension.
4. Evaluate smoke and fire conditions and advise the I.C. on potential for flashover, backdraft, blow-up, or other fire event that could pose a threat to operating teams.
5. Monitor accessibility of entry and egress of structures conducting interior operations.

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