

Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guidelines

SUBJECT: CONFINED SPACE RESCUE

SOG 829

PURPOSE: The purpose of this S.O.G. is to establish guidelines for conducting confined space rescue operations and to comply with the requirements in SPS 330.21 and SPS 332.

SCOPE: This Procedure applies to all personnel who respond to confined space rescue emergencies.

1. Personnel Response: When the department is dispatched to a possible confined space rescue, it shall be a full department response.
2. Vehicle Response: Engine 5 and Engine 6 with multi-gas detectors, Ladder 21 with harnesses and ropes, and other units necessary to respond for rescue purposes.
3. Incident Command: The job function of the incident commander is:
 - a. Establish the ICS
 - b. Conduct initial size-up, (request additional aid i.e. Sturgeon Bay Confined Space/Collapse, vehicle.
 - c. Contact reporting party or witnesses to determine exactly what happened.
 - d. Determine number of victims, time they have been down, etc.
 - e. Determine whether it is a rescue or recovery operation.
4. Fire Department Entry:
 - a. Only *trained* Fire Department personnel will conduct a confined space rescue.
 - b. Rescue will not be attempted until two teams are assembled and ready to enter.
 - c. The atmosphere has been monitored with the multi-gas detector and the lower explosive limit is below 10%.
 - d. Communication has been established between Command and entry team.
 - e. Utilities must be locked out and monitored by FD personnel.
 - f. Necessary ventilation is in place.
 - g. Ambulance notified and responding with First Responders on scene.
 - h. The environment must be continuously monitored while rescuers are in it so that changes are immediately detected.