SUBJECT: CONFINED SPACE RESCUE

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.