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USAR Response Guidelines

G-258.1 PURPOSE & SCOPE

To establish operational guidelines for initial Engine Company actions to be taken when responding to, and dealing with, Technical Rescue emergencies. This will assure the timely response of proper equipment and adequately trained personnel to the scene of these Technical emergencies.

G-258.2 GUIDELINE

It is the recommendation of the San Mateo County Fire Chiefs that the County Fire Agencies will follow the procedures below when dealing with Technical emergencies.

Definition: Technical Rescue Emergencies will be defined as, but not limited to, the following:

1. Confined Space Rescue- (CCR title 8 sec. 5156-5158)

2. Trench Rescues- (CCR title 8 sec. 1540-1541)

3. Low/High angle rescue

4. Heavy machinery emergency / entrapment

5. Structural instability / collapse

6. Mass transportation Emergencies

G-258.3 REFERENCES

N/A

G-258.4 PROCEDURES

The initial arriving Fire Company or Companies should evaluate the situation and determine the need for specialized personnel and equipment.

The Initial Company Action Worksheets sheets should be followed to ensure the critical initial steps are taken in dealing with the incident. All pertinent information should be gathered and documented on the proper forms.

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Battalion 8 is available through PSC for any needed consultation (same procedures as asking PSC for a Haz-mat consult). Consultation with Battalion 8 can help determine what resources will satisfy your needs. If Battalion 8 is not available Battalion 5 is also able to provide consultation.

Resources available:

1. Balance of USAR Response:

    a. Balances out Full Assignment to include:

        i. 3 Engines

        ii. 1 Truck

        iii. 2 B/C

2. Single unit specialty resource request:

    a. USAR's

    b. Trucks

    c. Lumber Tenders

    d. Search Dogs

    e. Refer to County Resource List

*A Battalion Chief can always request a consultation.