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Candidate Department: Coppel Fire Department

Best Practice Standard: 9.11 Mayday Communications
(insert the Best Practice Standard you are working on - example "1.01")

Proofs of Compliance Submitted:

1. Copy of Coppel Fire Department SOG #02-03 Missing or Trapped Firefighter (Pages 2-3).
2. Copy of April 2013 Live Fire Training Log, which details a mayday activation exercise (Pages 3-4).

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Evaluator's Review

Evaluator:

Date Accepted:

Coppell Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines

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| SOG# 02-03 – MAYDAY and Emergency Traffic | Effective Date: 10/31/2005 |
| Fire Chief:  | Revised Date: 01/31/2013 |



Purpose: To provide guidelines for declaring and managing a MAYDAY or Emergency Traffic incident.

Scope: This policy applies to all firefighters working at emergency incidents.

Definitions: Firefighters will use the radio message “MAYDAY” to report their status as being lost or trapped or when there is reason to believe another firefighter is lost or trapped. Any report of “MAYDAY” will receive priority radio traffic.

The radio message “Emergency Traffic” will be used to relay information critical to life safety.

Directions:

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Immediately announce a “MAYDAY” as soon as you realize you or another firefighter is lost or trapped.
2. If you are calling the “MAYDAY” for yourself:
 - a. Immediately activate the emergency button on your portable radio.
 - b. Identify yourself, your company, your current or last known location, including a description of your visible surroundings and audible sounds of nearby activities which may assist rescue.
 - c. Identify the events that led to the issuing of the “MAYDAY”.
 - d. Activate your PASS device.
 - e. Turn on your flashlight and point it toward the ceiling and confirm your helmet light is on.
 - f. Attempt to self-rescue or get in a location that would make rescue more likely such as on a wall or near a door or window.

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3. If you are calling a MAYDAY for another firefighter:
 - a. Identify the firefighter(s) in trouble and the company the firefighter(s) belong to.
 - b. State the location or last known location of the firefighter(s).
 - c. Identify the events that led to the issuing of the MAYDAY.

COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY

4. When a “MAYDAY” is sounded, the Incident Commander should:
 - a. If the “MAYDAY” comes from the activation of an Emergency Button, follow the procedures in the *Coppell Fire Department SOG #02-05, “Communications.”*
 - b. Close the radio channel.
 - c. Move Operations to another channel.
 - d. Identify the source of the “MAYDAY” and conduct a PAR.
 - e. Immediately assign the IRIC or RIC to the most appropriate location.
 - f. Request the next higher alarm with a medical component. Heavy rescue or other special teams should also be considered along with calling in a standby request for a medical helicopter transport.
 - g. Adjust the Incident Action Plan to a high priority firefighter rescue effort. Consider the following:
 - 1) Increase the Command Staff at the command post to allow for continued fire operations, RIC operations and support functions.
 - 2) Consider establishing additional RICs.
 - 3) Maintain essential firefighting operations to reduce the risk of further injury to the missing or trapped firefighter.

EMERGENCY TRAFFIC

5. A radio message of “Emergency Traffic” can be called by any firefighter and shall be followed by the location and description of the event or potential event followed by information critical to Life Safety.
6. When Command radios “Emergency Traffic” to evacuate a structure, Command will:
 - a. Instruct apparatus operators to sound the vehicle air horn for 30 continuous seconds.
 - b. Conduct a PAR to account for all personnel on the fire ground.

| Training Class - Live Fire | | | | | |
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| Start Date | Category | Start Time | End Date | End Time | |
| 04/17/2013 | LIVEFIRE | Live Fire | 10:00 | 04/17/2013 | 13:00 |
| <p>Basic Rating Bureau Notes Other... Staff Summary</p> <p>This training will be conducted at TCC and include one and two story residential fires.</p> <p>The objectives of this Live Fire will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ISO multi company 2) 1st Alarm predetermined assignments 3) Water Supply 4) Quick Attack 5) IRIC / RIC teams 6) Mayday Communications and activations 7) Test and administer the Accountability board / PAR all drills will receive a PAR prior to termination of the drill <p>All training will be administered under the direction of the NFPA 1403 standard and follow TCC Fire Service Training Center policy.</p> <p>Eric Greaser Deputy Chief of Operations.</p> | | | | | |
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| Training Class - Live Fire | | | | | |
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| Start Date | Category | Start Time | End Date | End Time | |
| 04/18/2013 | LIVEFIRE | Live Fire | 10:00 | 04/18/2013 | 13:00 |
| <p>Basic Rating Bureau Notes Other... Staff Summary</p> <p>This training will be conducted at TCC and include one and two story residential fires.</p> <p>The objectives of this Live Fire will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ISO multi company 2) 1st Alarm predetermined assignments 3) Water Supply 4) Quick Attack 5) IRIC / RIC teams 6) Mayday Communications and activations 7) Test and administer the Accountability board / PAR all drills will receive a PAR prior to termination of the drill <p>All training will be administered under the direction of the NFPA 1403 standard and follow TCC Fire Service Training Center policy.</p> <p>Eric Greaser Deputy Chief of Operations.</p> | | | | | |
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Training Class - Live Fire

Start Date: 04/19/2013 Category: LIVEFIRE Live Fire Start Time: 07:00 End Date: 04/19/2013 End Time: 10:00

Basic Rating Bureau **Notes** Other... Staff Summary

This training will be conducted at TCC and include one and two story residential fires.

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- 1) ISO multi company
- 2) 1st Alarm predetermined assignments
- 3) Water Supply
- 4) Quick Attack
- 5) IRIC / RIC teams
- 6) Mayday Communications and activations
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