# North Kingstown Fire Department

| Standard Operating Guidelines | | 4000 Series |
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| Effective Date: | Rescue Company Assignments for Fire Calls | EMS Operations |
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## I. PURPOSE

To establish standardized procedures and responsibilities for NKFD Rescue Company responses to fire related incidents.

## II. POLICY

The first due Rescue Company shall support the first due Engine Company at fire-related scenes [absent immediately apparent need for EMS – i.e., civilian casualty, fire/smoke victims, other serious injuries]. The second due Rescue Company shall provide EMS related functions when assigned to working structure fire or other related type incidents. As the incident evolves, this role may transition to Firefighter Rehabilitation (Rehab) at the Incident Commander's (IC) discretion.

## III. PROCEDURE

A. 1st Due Rescue Company

1. The Rescue shall be staged consistent with engine and ladder company best practices and be positioned to allow quick egress in the event emergency transport is required.
2. Rescue personnel shall don full PPE and carry appropriate tools, which may include, but are not limited to:
   i. Irons
   ii. Pike pole/NY hook
   iii. TIC
   iv. Water Extinguisher
3. Rescue personnel shall report to the 1st. due Engine Company officer or the IC for assignment, as appropriate consistent with NKFD SOG 3551.

B. 2nd Due Rescue Company

1. The Rescue shall be staged consistent with engine and ladder company best practices and be positioned to allow quick egress in the event emergency transport is required.
   i. Keep in mind, the Rescue may serve as platform for Rehab as the incident progresses/evolves.
2. Rescue personnel shall don appropriate PPE and bring vital EMS equipment to the command post, or another location designated by the Incident Commander. This location should ensure the operational readiness of the EMS company and allow for quick deployment of EMS resources.

3. In the event of inclement weather or any other situation in which the IC or Rescue company officer determines emergency equipment should not brought to the above location, such equipment shall be maintained in a state of readiness and easily accessible to personnel.
    i. This equipment should include, but not be limited to:
        a. Stretcher
        b. Cardiac monitor
        c. Airway bag
        d. First aid equipment
        e. Scoop stretcher and/or "mega mover"
4. In the event the 2nd due Rescue is assigned non-EMS duties by the IC or is committed to a patient, another EMS unit should be requested (via mutual aid or any other source deemed appropriate by the IC) to the scene to fulfill the EMS requirement of this policy.
5. At the IC's discretion, this Rescue may be transitioned into a Rehab role.
    i. Rescue personnel will return to the apparatus and prepare for Rehab operations.
        a. All personnel in Rehab shall have their accountability tags taken and maintained by the Rescue officer. Tags will be returned upon release from the Rehab sector.
        b. Personnel will be assessed and rehabilitated in accordance with SOG 4110.