

## NIXA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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### 807.0 RAPID INTERVENTION TEAMS

The District shall provide for the possible rescue of personnel operating at emergency scenes. This team should be prepared for immediate deployment, wearing the appropriate protective clothing, SCBA and have a supply of extra tools and equipment.

This team should be set up and ready for deployment at

- Working structure fires
- Specialty rescue scenes such as trench, water, ice, high angle and collapse

Possible tools and equipment for this team

- Axes and prying tools
- Pike poles
- SCBA with extra bottle
- Search rope
- Hand lights
- Chain saw, circular saw or skill saw
- Thermal imaging camera
- Stokes type basket
- Long spine board, soft board or skid board
- Webbing, carabiners and items associated with rope rescue

Deployment of the team should be considered

- Sudden hazardous event
- Lost, trapped or unaccounted for firefighter
- Flashover, back draft or rapid increase in fire

When the initial rapid intervention team is deployed another team should be established.

The rapid intervention team should take immediate actions on a scene to make conditions safer. There are other minimal involvement tasks that are not directly related to firefighting that the rapid intervention team could perform

- Remove bars from windows
- Ladder upper floors of buildings
- Open ground level doors

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The rapid intervention team leader may be an experienced firefighter. The rapid intervention team leader should have knowledge and skills associated with technical aspects.

- Assessments for entrances and exits
- Assessments for building construction
- Specialty training for the emergency
- Familiar with collapse potential
- Capable of selecting appropriate equipment
- Familiar with breaching techniques