

MAYDAY CHECKLIST

Receiving a Mayday

- Recognize Mayday
- Notify dispatch of Mayday and clear air, emergency traffic
- Go ahead with Mayday
 - Name
 - Unit
 - Location (hear, feel, see?)
 - Conditions
 - Able to get out on own?
 - Trapped?
- Offer instruction (e.g., remain calm, conserve air, alert PASS device, pound on wall with tool, move toward outside wall)
- Keep Mayday on the frequency initiated

Risk Benefit

- Advise crews to
 - Continue to fight fire – or
 - Withdraw to safe location – or
 - Abandon structure
 - PAR completed
 - Activate RIT? Yes No

Command/Control

- Call additional alarm for firefighter rescue branch
- Establish firefighter rescue branch
- Get an aide for Incident Commander and firefighter branch director
- Assign activated RIT to firefighter branch
- Reassign RIT
- Reassign safety
- Designate location of base/staging
- Maintain accountability

Communication

- A trapped or missing firefighter should never be asked to change radio channels once they have called Mayday.
- Move tactical firefighting operations to a separate tactical channel
- Monitor firefighter rescue branch (original tactical channel)
- Notify fire chief/safety officer
- Monitor lost or trapped firefighter at all times
- Search group may use talk channel
- Request incident management team
- Request support group chaplains