



Buxton Fire-Rescue

Standard Operating Guideline
Subject: Confined Space Rescue (1)
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PURPOSE:

To clarify what Buxton Fire-Rescue's role responding to, and operating at, confined space rescue incidents is.

SCOPE:

This guideline is in place for all permit required confined spaces found within the Town of Buxton. This guideline does not restrict members using their firefighter/rescue training to rescue someone from a confined space (e.g. if a ladder can be placed in the confined space while the rescuer is outside of the space, and the victim, under his/her own means can climb the ladder, this is an acceptable form of rescue. If the victim is on a harness, with retrieval system, this guideline does not restrict members from using the retrieval system to remove the victim). This guideline specifically restricts entry into a confined space, to affect a rescue, by any Buxton Fire-Rescue employee, due to lack of proper training, equipment and man power for this specialized rescue.

PROCEDURE:

1. Buxton Fire-Rescue does not provide Confined Space Rescue as a specialty response.
2. Buxton Fire-Rescue will provide support and assistance to a qualified confined space rescue team should they request it.
 - a. The assistance will be limited to what personnel are currently trained in (e.g. air monitoring, handling of life safety ropes, etc.)
3. If Buxton Fire-Rescue is faced with a confined space rescue incident, mutual aid will be requested from a fire department, or an industrial rescue team, with trained operations and awareness level responders.
4. Buxton Fire-Rescue's specific role will be to secure the scene, establish command, and request resources necessary to affect a rescue, and assist the rescue team where needed, within scope of training.

PPE REQUIRED:

Determined by what employees will be assisting rescue teams with, however may include:

- Firefighting/Rescue Helmet
- Fire/rescue gloves
- Eye protection
- Traffic Safety Vest
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Firefighter turnout gear (pants and boots) or specialized rescue coveralls

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