

TOWER RESCUE RESPONSE

PURPOSE:

To establish a procedure for personnel responding to tower rescue incidents, focusing on high-angle safety, proper PPE, rope system deployment, and effective patient access and removal.

PROCEDURE:

1. First-in Apparatus

- Size-up tower structure and access points.
- If there is a confirmed Tower rescue incident, deliver the Tech Rescue IRR and request the following resources as applicable:
 - Rescue61
 - Battalion Chief
 - Ladder truck
 - Medic(s)
 - Utilities and/or Site staff
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- Establish perimeter isolate and deny access, 300'.
- Secure witness, competent person or RP, determine number and location of victims.
- Establish communication if safe to do so.

2. Upon arrival, Tech Rescue crews should be prepared to:

- Conduct hazard assessment.
- Deploy rope systems.
- Ascend and contact patient.
- Perform rescue via lower or raise.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Only certified personnel above ground.
- Confirm anchor redundancy.
- Beware of RF exposure.
- Technical Safety officer shall be assigned, early to ensure system integrity and personnel safety.
- IC-1: Establish command and site control.
- IC-2: Establish or integrate into Unified Command structure, especially for large-scale or extended events.