

Manhattan Fire Protection District

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide guidance for the actions to be taken when responding to a potential specialized rescue requiring the use of CART.

SCOPE

This procedure shall apply to all personnel operating at the scene of a specialized rescue incident.

ENFORCEMENT

The primary responsibility for adherence to this procedure rests with each individual. Company officers (Captains and Lieutenants) are responsible for enforcement of this procedure.

DEFINITION

- Black Team: A combination of CART member fire departments joined as a local team. This team consists of the Manhattan, Monee, New Lenox, Mokena, East Joliet and Frankfort Fire Departments.
- CART-Combined Agency Response Team- A team of regional fire departments consisting of color designated teams specializing in specialized rescue. The Manhattan Fire Department is a charter member of this organization.
- Specialized Rescue: A "specialized rescue" can be any type of rescue that is unusual in nature, or overcomes the capabilities of our fire department. The types of rescues typically included in this category would be: confined space, high angle, below grade, structural collapses, water or any other rescue that would be normally beyond the resources of the local agency. This could also include any mass casualty incident.

APPLICATION

1. Upon receipt of a specialized rescue call, it is up to the discretion of the first officer available as to whether the CART should be notified. If the dispatch center has obtained good information that this incident could be of a specialized nature, the CART black team should be assembled as soon as possible, at least to assemble in their quarters. Box card Number 1216 should be used.
2. Manhattan's designated dispatcher shall notify MABAS 19 dispatch to notify the next team to stand by and to be aware that the Black Team is assembling for a response. The next team is determined by the box alarm cards at the dispatch center.
3. By the time the first arriving Manhattan units on the scene have completed a size-up of the incident, the incident commander should further assess the need for CART. Since assembling of these teams can be somewhat time consuming, it is always best to call the team together, and then cancel if not required.

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4. An incident of a serious nature such as a bus accident, that does not pose any large specialized rescue threat may be handled by normal mutual aid consisting of ambulance and squad companies. This is not to dismiss the possibility of the CART for any questionable incidents.

5. Operations during a CART response will be under the standard operating procedures as set forth and trained by the CART. An integrated approach to incident Command will be utilized with over-all command assumed by the stricken agency and the specialized rescue sector assumed by trained members of the CART organization.

Signature of Chief Dale VanderBoegh

Date 1/27/97