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STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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Chronological History

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CONFINED SPACE RESCUE

1. The purpose of this is to establish guidelines for a Confined Space Rescue.

2. This guideline applies only to a confined space as described by OSHA as:
 - a. A space that is large enough and so configured that an employee can bodily enter and perform assigned work.
 - b. Has limited or restricted means for entry or exit
 - c. Is not designed for continuous employee occupancy.

3. The responsibilities are as follows:
 - a. First arriving officer: The first arriving officer or acting officer shall complete a size up of the incident. For an actual confined space rescue, the officer shall establish a hot, warm and cold zone. These zones are defined as:

HOT ZONE is the confined space. Entry is strictly controlled and made only by personnel certified in confined space rescue.

WARM ZONE is the area immediately surrounding the hot zone. Entry is restricted to the scene commander, safety officer, line tenders (attendants) and the entry team.

COLD ZONE includes the staging area, rehab area, command post and medical area. Access should be controlled by law enforcement.
 - b. Incident Commander: The Incident Commander has over all responsibility for the entire incident. He/she must call for a confined space team (if necessary).
 - c. Scene Commander: The scene commander is responsible for the actual tactical operation, issues

orders to the entry team and controls the bulk of the operations within the warm zone.

- d. Safety Officer: The safety officer(s) has the authority to stop any operation that they perceive to be hazardous. They shall discuss the situation with the incident commander who shall make the final decision on whether or not to continue with the operation in question. They will also ensure that air monitoring is done and appropriate lockout and tagout procedures are used as indicated. All ropes and rigging are checked before entering the space and realistic work limits are set and followed by the entry team.

**By Authority of:
Fire Chief**

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