

1 Purpose & Scope

The purpose of this SOG is to provide a standardized method to recognize and initiate rescue operations of endangered firefighter(s). This procedure is initiated by the declaration of a "Mayday" by the firefighters involved.

This SOG applies to all Chicora Fire Department operations where the possibility of firefighters being entrapped or otherwise endangered exists. This procedure is identical to the procedure adopted by the Butler County Fire Chief's Association that applies to all Butler County fire departments. The Association's procedure (SOP 004) is formally adopted through this SOG.

2 Procedure

In the event a firefighter or crew is trapped or otherwise in danger they shall immediately notify the Incident Commander of their danger using the Mayday procedure:

1. They shall announce over the radio **"Mayday — Mayday — Mayday"** and activate the Man Down feature on their radio, if equipped. They shall inform the Incident Commander of their Location, Unit, Name, Air status and Resource needs (LUNAR Report).
2. Incident Commander shall acknowledge the Mayday report and shall clear the Mayday channel.
3. Incident Commander shall verify the LUNAR report and initiate rescue operations.
4. Incident Commander shall initiate a PAR Check.
5. Incident Commander shall announce via radio when the Mayday situation has been resolved.

Notes: Example of a LUNAR Report:

"MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY, THIRD FLOOR REAR BEDROOM, Ladder 26 was performing division three search, Lieutenant Smith and firefighters Jones and Williams, we have approximately ten minutes of air remaining, we need a ladder at the rear of the structure and tools to remove the window bars, we are cut off by the fire."

Reference: Butler County UHF Radio Standard Operating Guidelines Page 10 — Man Down Alert

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3 Revision History

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