

Yolo County Regional Fire  
Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)  
Two In- Two Out

RESPONDING TO INCIDENTS

**I. PURPOSE**

This document is intended to establish basic Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) and procedures for emergency incident operations at structure fires to meet OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 (2 in 2 out rule).

**II. DEFINITIONS**

None.

**III. SCOPE**

This guideline shall apply to interior structural firefighting where a working fire has burned past the incipient stage.

The Two In / Two Out team and Rapid Intervention Company (RIC) are separate entities. Two Out is required by OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 (2 in 2 out rule). RIC is a NFPA recommended standard based on NFPA 1710 and 1720.

**Nothing in this SOG prevents the immediate deployment of personnel to affect a rescue during any stage of an incident.**

**IV. AUTHORITY**

The authority to create and enforce this SOG is contained within the respective policies of the participating agencies and the Memorandums of Understanding with the affected labor groups. If changes occur in law or standards, this SOG will be modified within 180 days of the implementation of the change(s) to reflect those changes if applicable.

**V. GUIDELINE**

1. If the fire is beyond the incipient stage and two or more personnel are assigned to operate in the Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH), at least two firefighting personnel shall be assigned as Two Out prior to personnel entering the IDLH, unless there is a known rescue situation.
2. The Two Out Team shall be in full PPE and equipment ready (at least a charged hose line) to protect themselves or an interior team(s). They are to be positioned outside the IDLH atmosphere, at or near the entry point. They should account for the interior team(s) and if necessary, safely and effectively rescue firefighters inside the structure.
3. In the event a Rapid Intervention Company (RIC) is established, the Two Out may be assigned to the RIC or reassigned to another task.

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**GUIDELINE cont.**

Two Out is in place to account for the interior team(s) and if necessary, to safely and effectively rescue firefighters inside the structure. Entry into the structure is permissible under the following general conditions:

- a) A rescue situation develops involving a firefighter.
- b) The egress or safety of the interior firefighters is compromised or in jeopardy of being compromised, and immediate action must be taken by the interior team(s) or the Two Out team for the safety of interior team(s). The Two Out team should communicate and coordinate with the interior team(s), as well as the IC to ensure efforts are made to keep the unsafe situation from continuing.
- c) Personnel are unaccounted for following a Personnel Accountability Report (PAR).

If Two Out makes entry, a replacement Two Out should be assigned by Command unless a RIC has been established and deployed.

Once the incident is under control and the IDLH is eliminated, Two Out is no longer required.

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