



Rapid Intervention Team Bag

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Purpose: The RIT Bag provides the company with immediate access to necessary tools to free the trapped firefighter as well as provide a secondary source of air for the firefighter.

When the Incident Commander assigns the Rapid Intervention Team, the RIT should retrieve the RIT bag from the designated location and position themselves in the most appropriate location to be deployed. Firefighters must train and maintain knowledge of the contents and operation of all tools and equipment in the RIT bag.

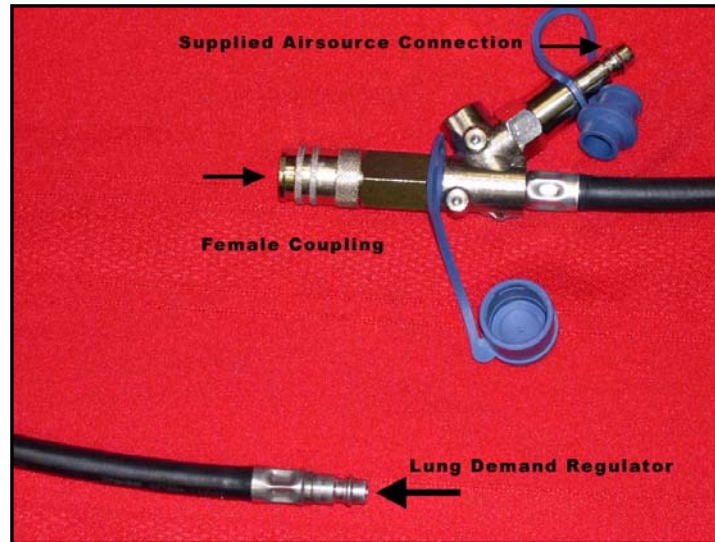
Contents of the RIT BAG include:

1. **45min 4500 psi SCBA Bottle**
2. **Drager RIT regulator with Supplied Air port**
3. **Klein Cable cutters**
4. **Knipex Lineman Pliers**
5. **200' Kevlar 6.8mm search rope with carabineer and ID tag**





Multi-Link Auxiliary Airline Hose System



The Multi-Link auxiliary hose system offers increased versatility and safety in a rescue situation. Connected directly to the first stage reducer the Multi-Link is stored in a quick release. The Multi-Link system features a unique easy to use pistol grip connector with male and female fittings. This unique configuration allows rapid connection to either an airline source or second stage regulator aka Lung Demand Regulator (LDR) the air hose is 6.5 feet from the bottle to the quick connect coupling.



The (Female) quick connect coupling always connects to the firefighter.

The (Male) connects to a supplied air source (Light/Air 34 or Special Operations 19 or 31)



RIC Operations Per SOG 1520

Actions and responsibilities of the RIT

- Receive assignment
 - Acquire appropriate number of RIT Bags from designated location(s)
 - 360-degree survey of the structure
 - Create a means of egress for interior crews
 - Monitor radio traffic
 - Be ready to respond to a “May Day” call
 - Do not engage in routine tasks
 - Identify who the downed firefighter is and location
 - Attach the search rope outside in a safe area. This will allow additional manpower to immediately find it and enter as well as when you exit using it you will end up outside the structure in a safe area.
- Assess the firefighters condition
 - If out of air connect RIT Bag coupling to the downed firefighters LDR.
 - Reset PASS
 - If more assistance is needed crews can follow rope to your location.
 - Do not take time to doff pack, attach RIT Bag to their chest and exit.

Use the Acronym **AWARE**

Air to the firefighter

Water- Make a defensive space between the fire and the firefighter

A Radio Verify radio is working and on the correct channel, reset emergency button.

Extricate the firefighter

Attach the rescue manifold to the downed firefighters air hose.

THE SEARCH MEANS NOTHING IF YOU CANNOT REMOVE THEM!

Be prepared to move the downed firefighter

Use appropriate number of firefighters to move/ drag the downed firefighter

Connect waist strap through legs for support

Use pack to drag

Use backboard or stokes basket if necessary

Use webbing to package the firefighter.