


Title:	Rope Rescue			
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## A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to provide direction when responding and determining a course of action when dispatched for rope rescue incidents.

## B. SCOPE

This guideline applies to all rope rescue incidents.

## C. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

There are no special terms or definitions in this guideline.

## D. GUIDELINE

The Fox River Fire District-functions at the awareness level and possesses the basic knowledge of rope rescue. The officer in charge when dispatched to a possible rope rescue situation should consider, upon dispatch information, upgrading the response to MABAS Technical Rescue Card to the box alarm level.

- 1) First arriving unit should establish command and perform an initial size up including:
  - a) Number of patients; location, condition, etc.
  - b) Determine if possible if the situation is a rescue or recovery
  - c) Assess the need for additional resources
- 2) Control the scene
  - a) Establish appropriate safety zones
  - b) Remove / deny access to bystanders and non-essential personnel
  - c) Identify and communicate hazards (utilities, fire, etc.)
  - d) Control traffic
- 3) Once the technical rescue team arrives on scene establish unified command and coordinate an action plan.

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