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**STANDARD OPERATING
PROCEDURE**

**STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE
RESCUE**

Purpose:

The purpose of this guideline is to establish parameters for conducting safe and effective rescue during a structural collapse incident.

Scope:

1. These guidelines shall apply to all uniformed members of the College Place Fire Department that are involved in a structural collapse rescue operation.
2. These guidelines shall apply to any incident involving structural collapse or damage where the possibility exists of victims being trapped or buried.


Responsibility:

3. The first arriving unit shall assume Command and begin size-up. Size-up includes:
 - 1) Identifying the structure's use.
 - 2) Locating and securing witnesses.
 - 3) Identifying and stabilizing immediate hazards.
 - a) Flammables.
 - b) Electrical.
 - c) Potential flooding from burst mains.
 - d) Plumbing and sewer disruption.
 - e) Structural stability of adjoining buildings.
 - f) Rescue efforts already underway by untrained personnel.
 - 4) Identifying the number and location as well as the condition of patients.

- 5) Environmental factors (light, temperature, and weather).
- 6) Location of gas and utilities.
- 7) Decision as to whether operation is technical or non technical (Call TRT or not). **No personnel shall enter a collapsed or damaged building to render patient care or extrication until a size-up has been performed and reported.**

Procedure:

1. Form a Unified Command with Command Post.
2. ICS implementation / Use Passport Accountability
3. Call for the TRT
4. The TRT can assist in making and carrying out an Action Plan Formulation.
 - 1) Shut down all utilities.
 - 2) Evaluate structural integrity.
 - 3) Assign a safety officer.
 - 4) Direct all rescue operations from a safety stand point.
 - 5) Assign team leaders for each designated rescue team.
 - 6) Divide the collapse area into manageable areas.
 - 7) Surface casualties rescue.
 - 8) Exploration & rescue from likely survival places.

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