CARVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guidelines

Section 3.07 – May Day **June 15, 2013**

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to establish a guideline for a May Day situation where a firefighter is in trouble and/or in need of rescue.

1.1 SCOPE

This guideline is in effect at all emergency operations for the in the Carver Fire Department in the Town of Carver.

1.2 MAY DAY PROCEDURE

01. Firefighters are to use the May Day signal anytime they or another firefighter is involved ***in an extreme situation***. Firefighters are reminded not to prolong the need to use a Mayday, as time is of the essence. Once a determination is made to declare a Mayday, the member shall radio the I/C declaring a Mayday, and then the firefighter shall activate the emergency transmitter on their portable radio. Fire Alarm will immediately acknowledge the signal.

02. The firefighter should give the I/C the following information:

Location of firefighter	**Nature of the problem**
Number of firefighters involved	**Amount of air in SCBA**

03. The firefighters should activate their PASS alarms, continue self-rescue or rescue of other members, and keep in radio contact with Command.

04. All members hearing the Mayday should use their radios only if necessary. The I/C, upon hearing the Mayday, should dispatch the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) or other available resources, immediately to the last reported area of the Mayday.