

CLAYTON FIRE COMPANY NO.1 INCORPORATED
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDLINE # IV-5

Date of Effect: June 13, 1995	To be reviewed: January, 2020
To: All Members	Revised: January 1, 2019
Ordered By: Alexander C Carrow, Fire Chief	
Subject: REHAB SECTOR	

This guideline shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded.

Purpose: To establish a reasonable procure to lesson the potential of injury resulting from extended field operations under adverse conditions. This policy is in no way intended to diminish initial fire attack aggressiveness.

I. IMPLEMENTATION OF A REHAB SECTOR:

It is the responsibility of the OIC to make an early determination of the need for establishing a rehab sector. Concerns such as moderate to long working time, manpower required, and when personnel are operating under adverse temperatures or weather conditions or any other incident were the OIC deems it necessary.

II. ELEMENTS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE REHAB SECTOR

The objectives of the rehab sector are to provide a specific area for rest, refreshment, protection from extreme weather exposure, and monitoring of the physical condition of firefighters on scene. Also to provide for treatment of firefighter injuries and transportation for firefighters requiring treatment at a medical facility. The rehab sector should provide a controlled entrance / exit area with a record of all personnel reporting to / from the rehab area. The area should provide for rest, food, water and adequate shelter from extreme weather. The rehab area may need to be divided to provide a “treatment area” for individuals exhibiting signs of stress, extreme fatigue or injuries.

The duties of the rehab officer are to:

- 1) select rehab site and advise of location (if not already designated by oic)
- 2) determine personnel and resources required and request same from oic
- 3) log in all personnel reporting to rehab, see that they are assessed by a member of the rehab team for medical elevations or treatment
- 4) having crews ready for reassignment as soon as they are able to actively participate in further operations

III. PERSONNEL REPORTING TO REHAB SECTOR

Each member shall be responsible for monitoring their physical condition and request assignment to rehab as necessary; additionally company officers should continually observe members of their crew for signs of fatigue and request assignment to rehab as necessary. After no more than 30 minutes of actively participating in an operation or after the use of no more than one SCBA cylinders personnel shall be assigned to the rehab sector for medical evaluation and rest. Rest in the rehab area should be no less than 15 minutes and may exceed an hour as determined by the firefighter and rehab attendants. It is the responsibility of each member in the rehab sector to be sure to log in and out of the rehab area.