

	West Fargo Fire & Rescue Standard Operating Guideline			Authorized by: D. Fuller Fire Chief
	Subject: TECHNICAL RESCUE			
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**Intent**

The intent of this SOG is to establish procedure for response to technical rescue incidents.

**Definitions**

*Collapse* –an incident where a collapse of a structure has caused the victim to be trapped in or under the collapse

*Grain bin* –an incident where the victim has become engulfed in grain inside a grain bin or silo

*High Angle* –an incident where the victim is trapped or injured above two stories in height

*Confined Space* – an incident where the victim is injured and/or trapped in a confined space, either underground or in a vault, bin, or tank above the ground

*Trench* – an incident where the victim is either partly or completely buried in a trench

**Guideline**

When dispatched to a report of a technical rescue, the Incident Commander (IC) should immediately upon arrival, determine if the resources of the department are enough to handle the situation. If additional or specialized resources need to be dispatched, the IC should contact dispatch and request Fargo Fire to respond mutual aid to the incident. The on duty BC in Fargo will determine the equipment to be sent based on the call type. After arrival of additional resources from Fargo, both the Fargo IC and West Fargo IC should determine if additional resources are needed beyond the initial and mutual aid units. If this is the case, the West Fargo IC should contact dispatch and request a regional response from North Dakota Dept of Emergency Services. This will ensure a larger incident command system is established, and additional resources are made available from the other regions in the state.

*Incident Command*

The first arriving officer or senior firefighter should establish incident command and begin a size up of the scene. Upon arrival of Battalion 7-0, command should be transferred and the initial IC should become the Operations Section Chief. Additional section leaders should be established as the incident grows in size and scope.