

Galveston Fire Department
Standard Operating Procedure
#1200.08 Safety Officer's Function

Fire Chief _____

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The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure is to establish a set of responsibilities for the Safety Officers to perform while operating on an incident scene. Incident Commanders may add to, delete or alter these duties as dictated by the situation.

Upon arrival on an incident Scene, the Safety Officer will announce their arrival on scene. They will don the proper level of PPE for the specific incident and begin performing the following duties;

1. Continue to walk/survey the incident perimeter as best as possible. Avoid making entry into IDLH environments alone.
2. Monitor all crews operating on the scene for proper PPE, SCBA, Communication devices and Thermal Imaging Cameras.
3. Monitor crew integrity. Personnel not in groups of two or more will be asked their assignment and the reason for being separated from their assigned crew.
4. Monitor crews for their ability to continue working and/or their need for REHAB. Report crews in need of REHAB to Command.
5. In the event of a MAYDAY on an incident scene, the Safety Officer will be the officer in charge of the RIT crew performing the rescue operation while maintaining radio communications with the crew/person declaring the MAYDAY on the original radio channel . This will require the Safety Officer to immediately report to the Command Post and remain with the IC until the MAYDAY is completed.