Bath Township Fire Department			Standard Operating Guideline	
Section Safety	**Referral No.** S-12	**Subject:** MAYDAY Procedure	**Date Issued** 2/03	**Date Revised** 3/08

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for the signaling a lost, trapped, and/or disoriented firefighter in a structure or other emergency scene.
- This radio call will be "Mayday".

Scope:

- This standard operating guideline shall apply to all personnel.

Responsibilities:

- Officer
  - Officers will ensure that all personnel will function appropriately when the radio call of "Mayday" is made.
- Personnel
  - All personnel have the responsibility of calling a MAYDAY if the situation warrants.
  - All personnel will act in a safe manner

Guidelines:

- The signal for identifying a lost, trapped, or disoriented firefighter shall be "Mayday"
- Any firefighter may use the radio call "Mayday"
- An officer that cannot account for a firefighter in his command that was operating in the hazard zone should also use the "Mayday" call (refer to the Mayday doctrine)
- The radio call is "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday".
- The firefighter calling Mayday shall attempt to give the following information: **UCAN**
  - **U**nit (Name)
  - **C**onditions (Situation)
  - **A**ctions (Assignment and Air-supply status)
  - **N**eeds (What resources are needed)
- A Firefighter that witnesses or confirms that another firefighter is lost or in trouble shall initiate "Mayday"
- The radio call of "Mayday" will be announced by the dispatcher as follows:
  - **"All units, EMERGENCY TRAFFIC… We have a MAYDAY"**
- All personnel will report to their officer and/or to the IC if unassigned to an essential task
- The RIT will report to the IC for deployment as soon as this call is heard
- If the RIT deploys into the area of hazard, an additional team will be formed to protect the RIT that has deployed
- EMS Personnel will standby at the command post

- An additional alarm for EMS should be called
- Additional Hose-lines may need to be stretched for protection of the RIT and backup RIT
- The accountability officer will provide the IC with an updated accountability roster
- The safety officer will keep the IC updated on all RIT functions
- All non-essential functions will cease until all firefighter's are accounted for
- If additional personnel are needed, mutual-aid will be requested

Mayday Doctrine:

- **Personnel shall call a Mayday and activate their PASS devise if:**
  - ✓ Tangled, Pinned, or Stuck; low air alarm activation
  - ✓ Fall through roof
  - ✓ Tangled, Pinned, or Stuck and are unable to self-extricate in 60 seconds
  - ✓ Caught in flashover
  - ✓ Fall through floor
  - ✓ Zero visibility, no contact with hose or lifeline, do not know direction to exit
  - ✓ Primary exit blocked by fire or collapse, not at secondary exit in 30 seconds
  - ✓ Low air alarm activation, not at exit (door or window) in 30 seconds
  - ✓ Cannot find exit (door or window) in 60 seconds
  - ✓ Crew-members unaccounted for