Bath Township Fire Department			Standard Operating Guideline	
Section **Special Operations**	**Referral No.** **SO-07**	**Subject:** **Building Collapse Emergencies**	**Date Issued** **03/08**	**Date Revised**

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for safe emergency response to building collapse incidents.

Scope:

- This standard operating guideline shall apply to all personnel.

Responsibilities:

- Officer
  - Ensure that personnel respond properly.
  - Provide direction based on the Incident Management System.
  - Ensure the safety of all personnel.
- Personnel
  - All personnel have the responsibility of following the direction of Incident Command.
  - All personnel have the responsibility to wear the proper safety equipment and to operate in a safe manor.

Guidelines:

- **Safety is always our first priority**
- Respond with Rescue 1309, Ladder 1301, Engine1304 and Medic unit
- First arriving unit establish Command, ensuring apparatus are staged in a safe area away from further collapse.
- Give a BIRT, including extent of structural damage and number of trapped victims
- Upon arrival of an officer, all attempts should be made to transfer command to them.
- Notify dispatch to call out Allen County USAR team
- Establish a Safety Officer to oversee the scene safety
- Call for additional resources as needed
- Give early notification to hospitals informing them of number of possible patients
- Establish accountability for personnel on the scene
- Ensure all personnel are in proper PPE
- Control any fires from exterior of building
- Attempt rescue only if the building is deemed safe by the IC and Safety Officer
- Establish a safe perimeter around structure and ensure no one else enters the structure
- Attempt to make contact with the trapped victims, noting locations of victims without entering the structure

- Assist Allen County USAR team in setting up equipment upon their arrival
- Relay all victim information to the USAR Team Leader
- Consider calling for Region 1 USAR if a mass casualty incident exists
- Assist County USAR team in rescue operations as directed by the USAR Team Leader
- Establish triage for victims as they are brought out of structure
- **Only trained personnel are to enter the structure, under the guidance of the USAR Team Leader**
- Establish a rehab station for the rescue teams