

Gates Fire District/Gates-Chili Fire Department Operating Guideline

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Title: Emergency Incident Rehabilitation (“Rehab”)

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Fire Chief

Objective: To ensure the physical and mental well-being of responders operating at the scene of an emergency or training exercise.

Guideline: The Safety Officer assigned within the incident or training exercise ICS structure will work with EMS to establish “Rehab” when the circumstances of the event warrant its establishment.

“Rehab” will be performed in accordance with the procedures set forth in the most recent version of the MLREMS Emergency Incident Rehabilitation policy.

Either a FD member (preferably an officer) or an EMS provider (preferably a supervisor) will be assigned as the Responder Rehabilitation Manager. This individual shall carry out the responsibilities of the position as outlined in the Firescope Field Operations Guide (ICS 420-1) and following the MLREMS “Rehab” policy.

The Responder Rehabilitation Manager will report to the Medical Unit Leader (MEDL). If no MEDL is assigned, the Responder Rehabilitation Manager will report to the next position in line upwards through the ICS chain-of-command.

All medical personnel assigned to “Rehab” will report to the Responder Rehabilitation Manager.

The Safety Officer will track all units that enter “Rehab”.

The Safety Officer will ensure that all fire personnel entering this area remove any firefighting PPE and be decontaminated if the company is not returning to firefighting activities. Fire personnel will receive rest, recuperation and hydration as needed.

The Responder Rehabilitation Manager will act as the fire department liaison for medical personnel, and relay pertinent information to the IC via the ICS chain-of-command.

The Responder Rehabilitation Manager will document all firefighting injuries and document all pertinent information with regards to fire fighter health monitoring.

The Responder Rehabilitation Manager will have the authority to make the needed decisions regarding fire fighters with respect to their physical well-being and their ability to return to duty following rehabilitation time.

Any questions regarding this guideline shall be addressed to the Chiefs Office.