RADIO PROCEDURES FOR SUPPORT OPERATIONS

1. All members arriving at a scene without designated work instructions should remain together as a unit, identified by the apparatus they arrived on, whenever possible.
2. Engine Companies stretching from any apparatus are always to use their own (incoming) unit identifier.
3. Members from the manpower pool who are put to work will use the identifier of the apparatus they arrived on unless otherwise instructed by the Incident Commander.
4. Rapid Intervention Team members will refer to their positions as Rescue.

   INSIDE TEAM

   - Rescue Officer
   - Rescue Can
   - Rescue Irons

   OUTSIDE TEAM

   - Rescue Roof
   - Rescue OV
   - Rescue Chauffeur

- The officer in charge of the Rapid Intervention Team's rescue effort will be referred to as Special Operations Command and be identified on the radio as Rescue.
- If 2-8-7 were assigned to perform Rapid Intervention Team operations, radio transmission examples could be:

"RESCUE, RESCUE OFFICER, We have located the member and are bringing him out."

Or

"RESCUE OFFICER, RESCUE ROOF, I'm making entry, top floor exposure three window."

5. When the Rapid Intervention Team is put to work for a firefighter down or missing a chief officer should be placed in charge to coordinate all rescue efforts. If no chief is available the Incident Commander should give the next highest-ranking officer this position. The Incident Commander should not assume responsibilities for any rescue effort, he should remain focused on the overall safe conclusion of the entire incident.