

Kennebunkport Fire Department

SOG 30 **PROCEDURE FOR A FIREFIGHTER IN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO LIFE AND HEALTH**

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PURPOSE

TO ESTABLISH TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED FIREFIGHTER DISTRESS SIGNAL

MISSION

ENHANCE FIREFIGHTER SAFETY

LIMITATIONS

EMERGENCY USE ONLY FOR WHEN A FIREFIGHTER IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER

- 1 The word "Mayday" when used three times together "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday" in a radio message is the signal to be used by a firefighter when he is in immediate danger to his life or health and requires assistance too remove himself from the danger.
- 2 When the "Mayday" signal is heard all radio traffic ceases except for the "Mayday" signal originator. Fire Alarm will make a tone alert and announce a "Mayday" situation. After an initial radio announcement the "Mayday" signal originator will state who he is, where he is, and type of problem, he will then activate his P.A.S.S. device and attempt to self rescue him self. Fire ground routine traffic will switch from Kennebunkport Primary or Kennebunkport Talk-around to Channel 2 State Fire until the "Mayday" situation has cleared.
- 3 When the downed firefighter is found he will be positioned near a door or window for rapid transportation to a safe haven
- 4 Command may commit the back-up line to a search mode with or with out a line and may augment the members of the back-up line as the situation dictates.
- 5 A new back-up line will be formed with a minimum crew of two to act as a back-up line or become the rescuers rescue team if required
- 6 All interior fire suppression elements will hold at their present position until an all clear is given by command on the "Mayday"