

Rowan County Fire and Rescue Association		STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES	
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COMMON FIREGROUND VOCABULARY/TERMINOLOGY

PURPOSE:

1. As the fire service progresses, fire ground vocabulary and strategies change as well. The intended purpose of this document is to define 5 different acronyms and terms that are frequently heard on fire ground operations in Rowan and surrounding counties. With the definitions clearly established, there should no longer be confusion or a lack of knowledge when these terms are heard on the fire ground.
2. After reviewing the current CODE RED and Level 1 staging procedures, the standards committee has re-defined these terms in to simplify.

DEFINITIONS:

-V.E.S.: Vent Enter Search

-P.A.R.: Personnel Accountability Report- When a par-check is being completed, the leader of the assigned crew shall acknowledge that their crew is “PAR” after assuring that all their crew members are accounted for. The leader should also announce the number of personnel on their crew as well as their location on the fire ground, unless the personnel are assigned to a group or division supervisor.

-C.A.N. (Conditions, Actions, Needs)

-Urgent Traffic- A radio transmission that demands radio priority.

-Tactical Withdrawal- No delay exit of the structure taking only the necessary equipment to make a safe exit.

- Code Red: A rapid exit of the IDLH by any means necessary.

Code Red Procedure Update Summary:

After a Code Red has been declared, the EVAC tone should be sounded by the IC or the communications center. Once the alert ends, a radio announcement should be made informing all personnel of the code red being declared. The driver/ operator of the working apparatus should make **one** long blast with the apparatus air horn. The horn blast should be expressed for a maximum of 15 seconds. After these steps have been taken, the IC should conduct a PAR check to confirm all members are accounted for.

-Level 1 Staging: The current policy is very accurate. To establish additional clarity, we are proposing an amendment be made to the last sentence. We would like to change the last sentence to the following:

“If the staging location is not established by command, all incoming units shall stage close to the scene and maintain a ready position. All staged units should be mindful of potential tanker operations. If feasible, all staged units should stay on the same side of the roadway.”