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Rapid Intervention Crew

All Departments should have an SOP listing the details and responsibilities of the Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC). A big part of an effective RIC is in knowing which tools to gather for any given incident, have them assembled in a timely manner, and be ready to do the take action in a moments notice. Below is a list of standard tools that every RIC should have immediate access to.

24' Ladder	Axe(s)	Halligan(s)	Portable lights
Thermal Imager	150' Search Rope	Tag lines	Power Saw
Sledge hammer	Pos. Pressure Fan	Pike Poles	Portable Radios
RIC Pack/Bag	Spare SCBA	Spare Bottle(s)	Bolt cutters
Webbing	Stretcher	Oxygen	First aid kit



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