TEXS SCENARIOS

1. Removing a downed firefighter from a basement.

   This scenario can be done a number of ways. If the department has a building to train with that has a basement then the scenario is simple. If no building with a basement is available, use a two story structure. The down firefighter is placed on the first floor and the rescue team will begin the scenario on the second floor and go and rescue the downed firefighter bringing him to the second floor. The drill can be completed when the RIT team brings the downed firefighter to a window. This scenario can also simulate if a RIT team was unable to bring a firefighter out the first floor and must remove him from an upper story.

2. Removing a downed firefighter from a second floor window.

   The RIT team enters the second floor using a ladder bringing all necessary tools with them. Once the downed firefighter is found, properly apply the TEXS to the firefighter. The RIT team can then bring the downed firefighter to the window and safely remove the firefighter placing him on the shoulders of a firefighter on the ladder.

3. Moving a downed firefighter over obstacles and through tight spaces which requires the RIT bottle to be detached from the TEXS.

   This scenario places the RIT team in one of the most challenging rescue situations. RIT teams may have to go over obstacles that have fallen or through voids to reach and remove a downed firefighter. The TEXS will assist by keeping the firefighter's arms secured and giving the RIT team a place to grab and lift. Also, by only having the RIT air bottle on the downed firefighter it can be removed easily and quickly when going through a constricted area.

TEXS INSTRUCTIONS

The TEXS is easily stored by rolling the TEXS up.

Lay the TEXS out and have all of the buckles unclipped.

The sides of the TEXS should be folded in so they touch and the buckles line up. IMPORTANT: do not clip the buckles as this will make deploying it more difficult in a rescue situation.

The long head strap should be stretched out so it will not be rolled up inside of the TEXS.

Starting at the crotch area begin to tightly roll the TEXS up.

Once the TEXS is rolled to the top, wrap the long head strap around the TEXS and run it through the short head strap and pull tight. This will keep the TEXS rolled and allow for easy deployment.

When the TEXS needs to be deployed it can be easily unrolled by grabbing the short head strap and letting the TEXS unroll.

APPLYING THE TEXS

When a downed firefighter is located and it has been determined by the RIT team that the TEXS will be used, RIT should swap the downed firefighter to the RIT bottle. This can be done by using a quick connect or by doing a hot swap of the regulator or whatever means necessary. It is important to remember the SCBA the downed firefighter was using will be removed to allow for easier movement of the downed firefighter.

Once the firefighter is on the RIT bottle, remove the SCBA from the downed firefighter.

Deploy the TEXS on the firefighter in the appropriate manner. If there is enough room place the TEXS unfolded next to the firefighter and roll him onto it just like a backboard. If there is not enough room and the firefighter is on his back unfold the TEXS onto the back of the firefighter tucking the sides underneath him. Roll the firefighter to his side and grabbing the TEXS underneath him pull on the

TEXS. The firefighter will be positioned onto his back and onto the TEXS.

Grab the buckles and properly connect each buckle together placing the firefighter's arms in the TEXS and pull tightly on the straps.

Once the downed firefighter is secured in the TEXS the RIT team can place the RIT bottle onto the chest of the downed firefighter or wherever is best for them. Secure it by using a carabineer and attaching it to a pull/drag strap or a buckle strap on the chest. *If the bottle does not stay perfect onto the chest that is okay as long it is secured the RIT team will not have to guide the RIT bottle.*

The RIT team can take full advantage of the pulling and lifting straps to assist them in removing the downed firefighter.