Confined Space Incident Checklist

SIZE-UP & INITIAL ACTIONS

- ❑ Establish Command and name the incident
- ❑ Ensure accountability system is utilized
- ❑ Secure witness(es) or competent person(s)
- ❑ Determine number and location of victim(s)
- ❑ Establish communication and determine condition of victim(s)
- ❑ Secure entry permit
- ❑ Assess type of space
- ❑ Identify product(s) in space
- ❑ Isolate and deny entry, establish perimeters (hot, warm, cold zones)
- ❑ Determine if rescue or body recovery
- ❑ Evacuate if necessary
- ❑ Provide traffic / crowd control
- ❑ Shut down motor vehicles to avoid contaminating the space with exhaust

REQUEST ADDITIONAL RESOURCES / SUPPORT

- ❑ Determine and announce Base and Staging locations
- ❑ Special Operations / Technical Rescue Team
- ❑ Hazardous Materials Response Team
- ❑ Atmospheric Monitoring
- ❑ Ventilation, Supplied Air Systems (2 minimum)
- ❑ Retrieval System, Rope Rescue Equipment
- ❑ Communication Equipment
- ❑ Law Enforcement
- ❑ Rehab
- ❑ Medical Aid for Medical Monitoring and Patient Care
- ❑ Incident Dispatch Team

PRE-ENTRY OPERATIONS

- ❑ Assign necessary functions from Organizational Chart on reverse
- ❑ Don identification vests
- ❑ Identify hazards - atmospheric, mechanical, electrical
- ❑ Perform an ongoing Risk versus Benefit analysis of rescue efforts
- ❑ Obtain MSDS's, blueprints, maps, technical information, hazard ID
- ❑ Determine alternate access points and escape routes
- ❑ Draw diagram of space
- ❑ Assess structural stability of space
- ❑ Ensure that atmospheric monitors are properly calibrated
- ❑ Test atmosphere for oxygen deficiency, flammability, and toxicity
- ❑ Ventilate space as necessary
- ❑ Lockout / tagout equipment and potential ignition sources
- ❑ Establish an equipment cache area
- ❑ Determine mode of communications
- ❑ Set and ensure time limitations for Entry and Back-up teams

RESCUE OPERATIONS

- ❑ Identify and establish strategic goals and objectives
- ❑ Develop Incident Action Plan
- ❑ Develop Back-Up Plan
- ❑ Brief crew, communicate plans
- ❑ Provide medical monitoring for Entry / Back-Up Teams
- ❑ Secure and don personal protective equipment including helmet, gloves, eye protection, knee pads, flame retardant coveralls, class 3 harness
- ❑ Ensure proper respiratory protection for rescuers
- ❑ Provide air supply for victims(s)
- ❑ Ensure two or more sources of lighting
- ❑ Set up personal and remote air monitoring
- ❑ Set up retrieval system and fall protection
- ❑ Ensure Back-Up / R.I.T. teams are in place
- ❑ Provide necessary equipment for patient care and packaging
- ❑ Locate patient(s) and treat life-threatening conditions
- ❑ Perform patient packaging and extrication

TERMINATION

- ❑ Perform roll call to account for all involved personnel
- ❑ Remove tools and equipment
- ❑ Decontaminate personnel and equipment
- ❑ Conduct Incident debriefing
- ❑ Call OSHA or other regulatory agencies
- ❑ Critical Incident Stress Debriefing

PROBLEMS	STRATEGIES	TACTICS	UNITS

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