

Holyrood Search & Rescue (SR) Team 1 Guide

Rule one in an emergency is **Be Careful** – **do not become part of the problem!**

It is the mission of the Holyrood *Search & Rescue Team 1* to act at the direction of the Holyrood Incident Commander to rescue/provide aid to the greatest number of people in the shortest amount of time while maintaining rescuer safety.

The Incident Commander will assign your team a Search & Rescue task. When you arrive at the site, stop and size up the situation before you act --however urgent the situation might be. Before entering a damaged structure ask yourself what hazards you are facing and what probability there is of success. Consider the following

- Are there potentially life-threatening hazards, gas leaks, fire? (You may have to ask the Incident Command Center (ICC) to send a Hazard Reduction Team to address these situations before you can attempt a rescue.)
- Are there special considerations such as children, elderly or disabled people?
- Walk around the building – Will you be in danger if you enter this building? If it is off its foundation or appears unsafe, DO NOT enter the building.
- What additional damage could occur during an aftershock
- What is the probability of getting a victim out alive?
- Finally, is the situation within your team's capability? **Remember Rule one!** There may be situations too dangerous for you to deal with. Report this to the ICC and wait for additional instructions.

Two-way Radio Operation

Your radio Call Sign is “**Holyrood Search & Rescue Team 1** ” You should have your radio set on Channel 8 with no privacy code/secondary channel (those should be set on 0 [zero] or - - - depending on your brand of radio).

When you call the Holyrood ICC, use the following format:
“Holyrood ICC this is Holyrood Search & Rescue Team 1. Over”

The Holyrood ICC will respond:
“Holyrood Search & Rescue Team 1, this is Holyrood ICC. Over.”

Report as follows:
“Holyrood ICC, this is Holyrood Search & Rescue Team 1.” Then state your message. Finish your report with “Over.”

Note: If this is a drill/exercise (not a real emergency) you MUST add the words, “this is a drill” or “this is an exercise” to any message you send that might include situations that would alarm anyone listening in on our channel. For example,

“Holyrood ICC, this is Holyrood Search & Rescue Team 1 reporting a (victim with broken leg we are transporting to First Aid, etc.) at 2020 Holyrood Drive. This is an exercise. Over.”

The Holyrood ICC will acknowledge your message and say *“Out.”*

Remember to wait for the channel to be clear and then press the transmit button for a half second before beginning to speak. Speak clearly, slowly and as succinctly as possible. If the radio will not work, use a runner to communicate critical situations with the Holyrood ICC. You may ask any neighbor you meet to act as a runner.

Equipment You Should Have:

Item	Quantity
Clipboard	1
Paper pad & pen	1 ea
Status Cards	25
Utility Map	1
Two-way Radio	1
Red Vest	1/individual
Safety goggles	1/individual
Hard Hat	1/individual
Knee pads	1 set/individual
Back brace	1/individual
Dust Mask	3/individual
Gas Shut-off Wrench	1
Water Valve Turnkey	1
Yellow Caution Tape (roll)	1
Flashlight (if at night)	1/individual
Duct tape	1 roll
Rope	50'
6' crowbar	1
30" Wrecking Bar	1

When you return to the Holyrood ICC, please return your equipment and turn in your *Status Card* forms. If you are able, there will probably be additional tasks for you to do. **Thanks again for helping!**