

- d. Be in positive communication with the entry team(s) in full protective clothing with the SCBA donned in the standby mode.

A RIC should be assigned to standby at or near a logical entry/egress point so that deployment may proceed without delay if needed. In large commercial complexes or multi-story occupancies where multiple entry points are made for fire attack/search and rescue a RIC or RIG may be needed at several points of entry.

RIC(s) should “stage” at their standby location(s) forcible entry tools such as a prying tool, chopping tool, pulling tool, bolt or wire cutter, power saw, utility strap, portable lights, spare SCBA and spare SCBA air tank or one or more Rescue Air Kits (RAKs). One or more Thermal Imaging Cameras (TICs) are strongly recommended if available.

A RIC is normally deployed to locate and render immediate aid to lost or injured firefighters. Additional crews must be immediately assigned to replace the deployed RIC. Some common reasons for a RIC deployment are 1) firefighters who have slipped or tripped and fallen and are injured; 2) firefighters who have been struck (by falling objects, wet sheet rock, vehicles) and may be injured and/or entrapped; and 3) firefighters who have partially fallen through floors (mobile homes, basement fires) and are entrapped and/or injured. A deployed RIC *may* be able to handle these types of events.

### **MODULAR DEVELOPMENT OF RIC / RIG**

#### Initial Organization with 1 RIC Assigned (Page 18-11).

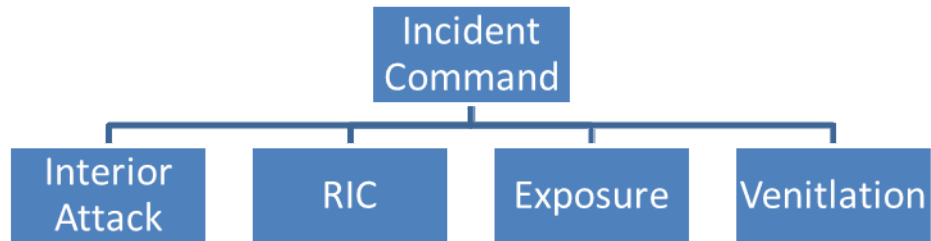
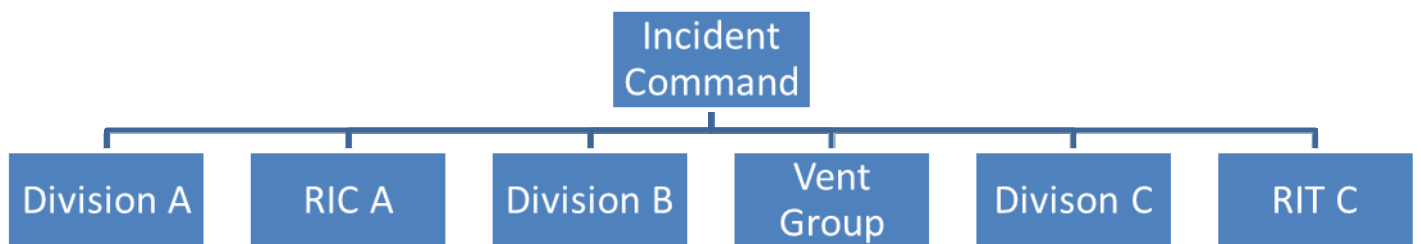
Initial response resources are usually managed by the Incident Commander who performs all Command and General Staff functions. RIC will be assigned and staged near the entry point.

#### Expanded Organization with 2 RICs Assigned (Page 18-11).

Expanded organization with Divisions and functional groups. RIC(s) are staging in separate locations (entry/access points) and assigned designators linking them to their respective Divisions. A RIG should be established to manage the RIC(s) and coordinate with Division/Groups for tactical support as necessary.

#### Extended Organization with Deployed RIC and RIG Assigned (Page 18-11).

Extended organization with a deployed RIC now under the command of a Rapid Intervention Group Supervisor. Rescue teams may be ordered and assigned as needed to work within the RIG in support of the deployed RIC. On-going suppression efforts continue with the goal of reducing and/or eliminating hazards in the RIG deployment area to enhance search and rescue efforts. Protective hose lines, ventilation and lighting may be high priorities. One supervisor commanding the search and rescue effort will be better able to prioritize needs, allocate resources and coordinate with adjacent and/or involved suppression divisions/groups.

**Initial Organization with 1 RIC Assigned:****Expanded Organization with 2 RICs Assigned:****Extended Organization with Deployed RIC and RIG Assigned:**