

**PLAINSBORO TOWNSHIP BOARD of FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**FIRE DISTRICT No. 1**  
**F.A.S.T. OPERATIONS POLICY**

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**SUBJECT:** F.A.S.T. OPERATIONS

**PURPOSE:** To be immediately available to assist a firefighter who becomes trapped or is in distress.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

The F.A.S.T. unit shall consist of (3) minimum skilled and experienced firefighters who have demonstrated their knowledge and skills in fire suppression and rescue and in particular the fields related to search and rescue.

**NOTIFICATION:**

1. Upon transmission of a “Working” fire Mercer County Central shall dispatch the appropriate Fire Company which shall be designated as the F.A.S.T. unit.
2. The dispatcher shall notify the dispatched piece of apparatus that they are assigned to be the F.A.S.T. unit.
3. The dispatcher shall notify the Incident Commander of the identity of the responding F.A.S.T. unit.

**POSITION:**

1. The members of the F.A.S.T. unit shall upon arrival, size up the scene, then report to and remain at the Command Post by the Incident Commander.
2. The F.A.S.T. unit Group Leader shall remain at the Command Post, within verbal contact of the Incident Commander during the emergency portion of the incident...
3. At large or unusual operations, additional F.A.S.T. units may be positioned at additional locations as determined by the Incident Commander.
4. The designated radio frequency for the F.A.S.T. unit shall be the statewide fire frequency (154.265), unless told otherwise.

**EQUIPMENT:**

1. Rope (2) lengths 100’ minimum

2. Flathead axe
3. Halligan tool
4. Sledge hammer
5. Bolt cutter (24" minimum)
6. K12 or equivalent w/extra blades
7. Flashlight for every team member
8. Pike pole
9. Full turnout gear
10. SCBA with spare bottle
11. Portable radio (2 minimum)
12. P.A.S.S. alerts
13. SCBA for victim from station where call is located