The Rescue unit carries the specialized tools and equipment needed to support firefighting operations and rescues. A rescue unit responding with an engine forms a rescue engine (see Rescue Engine). There is also a smaller Rescue unit in the department.

Although assigned to a specific engine, the rescue can respond with any engine, allowing all engines in the fleet to function as a rescue engine.

**Staffing:** The rescue unit is staffed by one or two firefighters depending on the station staffing and is under the command of the engine captain they are assigned to.

**Radio designation:**

Rescue + station number.

i.e.: Rescue 23.